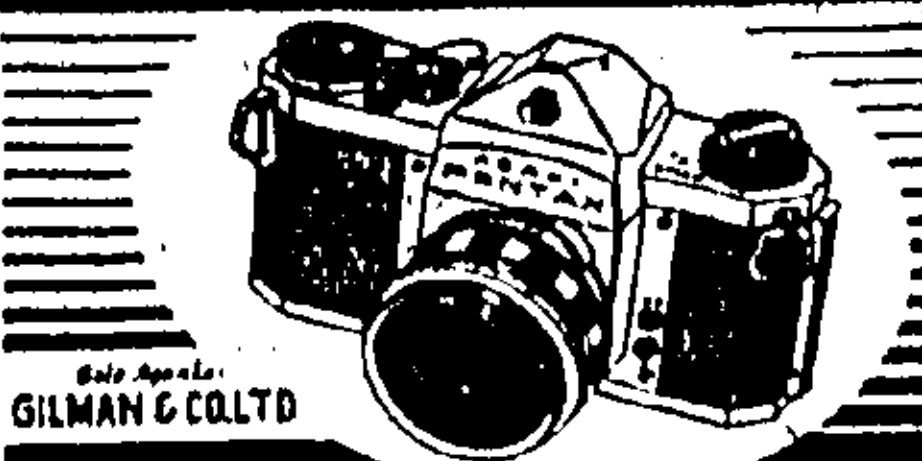


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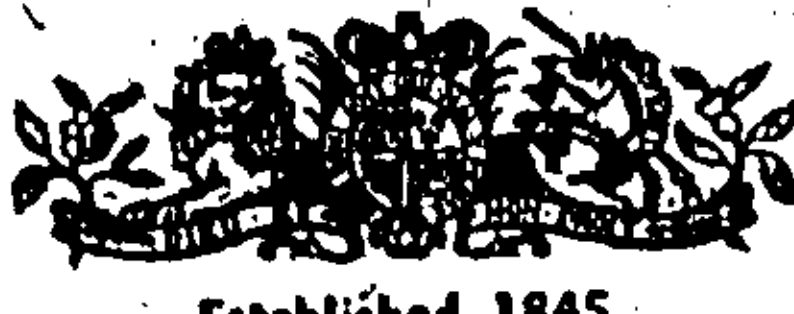


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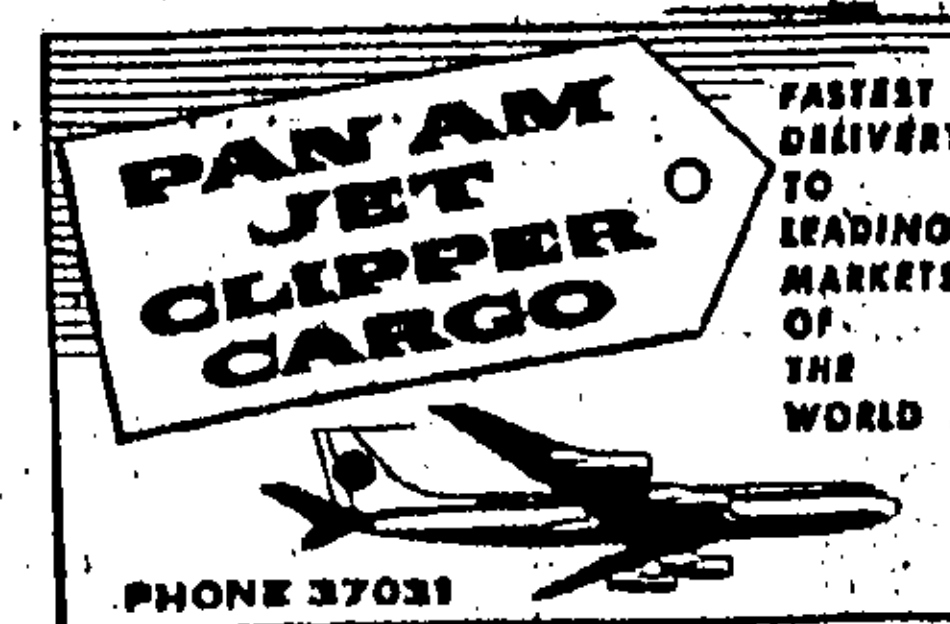


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Comment Of The Day

THE DUKE AND THE TEACHERS

As a class, school teachers are generally well meaning, but at times they can be awfully silly. Take, for instance, this business of the English school teachers seeking to ban the Duke of Edinburgh's film, which is said to "misrepresent Hong-kong."

We are told that "One of the teachers' main objections is the film's portrayal of Hongkong. It makes the Colony look like a wonderful place. What could be further from the truth?"

They then go on to tell us something we already know. That tuberculosis is raging, and that refugees are living, sleeping, and dying on the streets.

A Pose

Of course, the whole of their adverse edict is a pose, a fashionable pose at the moment of those who are more concerned with the drawing up of pamphlets, and the rest of the purphernalia which strikes an attitude.

To these silly people who claim, without authority, to speak for the whole teacher group of England, we say, come and see for yourselves.

For instance, come and visit these huge blocks of apartments which house thousands of people who have no claim upon us save that they arrived poor and penniless, and were fed, housed and clothed at the expense of the people of Hongkong.

Sought Asylum

Let them have a look at the hospitals and institutions erected at the expense of the Hongkong taxpayer for the welfare, in the main, of those who have sought asylum in this Colony.

Let them look at their own slum areas and then start cleaning up the blots on their own landscape before indulging in a campaign against the Colony.

We ask quite modestly, where is there in the East a town that can compare with Hongkong—for rapidity of growth; a ready tackling of problems which arise daily or an expansion of utilities which are stretched to breaking point to deal with a growth of population so fantastically huge, as to be overwhelming?

Done - Something

It is, of course, simple to see that these silly school teachers are fifty years behind the times in their ideas. To them, the colonial is someone who exists in the early stories of Somerset Maugham; some fantastic figure who parades his ignorance under a cloak of arrogance.

They seem unaware that while they have been groveling among figures, we have metaphorically taken off our coats, and done something for these refugees.

We have fed, clothed, and healed the refugee, while such people as these teachers have sat in committee on the world's problems.

Now if they would like to pass round the hat, the smallest contribution would be received gratefully.

ANNOUNCES PLANS TO FORM A NEW BODY
ANOTHER SHOCK FOR CEYLON

Prime Minister Resigns From Ruling Party

Colombo, Dec. 7. Seventy-two hours after the sudden dissolution of Parliament, Premier Wijayananda Dahanayake today sprang another surprise by resigning from the ruling Freedom Party "because I don't want my throat cut."

Premier Dahanayake announced he planned to form a new party.

He said he had heard that three members of the outgoing cabinet were aspiring to the presidency of the Freedom Party and that he did not want to stand in their way.

"I hope now that I've resigned, things will be easier for them," he said.

He referred to certain differences of opinion in the old cabinet.

He was "dead against" nationalisation of British owned tea and rubber estates "but some may be for nationalisation," he added.

The Premier said he was also against a state takeover of religious schools without the consent of those concerned. But others, he said, favoured their complete takeover.

The Premier said he was opposed, too, to implementing proposals to reform the Buddhist clergy against the wishes of certain Buddhist high priests. He was also against granting trade union rights to public servants where such rights would affect the public.

Opposed

Finally, he was totally opposed to permitting strikes in essential services.

"In all these matters," declared the Premier, "there was difference of opinion."

Earlier today several ministers of the outgoing cabinet indicated they would make every endeavour to persuade Mrs. Sirimavo Bandaranaike, widow of the assassinated former premier, to accept the party presidency.

After the Premier's announcement a meeting of ministers and junior ministers of the old government resolved they would not let the premier's resignation hamper their efforts to reorganise the Freedom Party which the former premier founded.—AP.

EMBEZZLEMENT

See Back Page

U.S. Congressman Described As 'Irresponsible'

United Nations, Dec. 7. The chief Philippine delegate to the United Nations described U.S. Congressman Phil Weaver today as an "irresponsible politician" who speaks of Philippine-American relations through "sheer ignorance."

Dr. Francisco A. Delgado, chairman of the Philippine delegation, replied sharply to the second attack on the Philippine Government in two weeks by Congressman Weaver, a Republican from Nebraska.

Mr. Weaver renewed charges that the Philippine Government has tolerated harassment of American missionaries in the island and proposed forming a non-governmental investigating team.

Mr. Weaver, as a subcommittee member, spent three days in the Philippines last month. He returned to protest that the Philippine government is graft-ridden

and that U.S. troops in the islands are subject to looting, extortion and assault.

Dr. Delgado in reply to Mr. Weaver's speech said:

"I have wondered whether it is proper for me to condescend to the level of Congressman Weaver."

"In his latest statement, in which he substantially reiterated his lies about conditions in my country, Mr. Weaver had only succeeded in depicting himself as an irresponsible politician who is bent on acquiring personal publicity at the expense of close Philippine-American relations."—AP and UPI.

BILLY BUNTER COMES TO GRIEF



Billy Bunter throws his jockey A. Freeman at the last fence but one in the Borcombe novices steeplechase at Plumpton, Sussex, on December 2. Billy Bunter was out in front when he went down.—AP Photo.

ITALY'S PARTICIPATION AT SUMMIT TALKS

London, Dec. 7. The British Government is cool towards Italy participating in an East-West summit conference with the Soviet Union under existing circumstances, a usually reliable source said here today.

British spokesmen refrained from formal comment on Rome reports that President Eisenhower was in sympathy with Italian desires to participate in a summit conference. It was understood that the agenda, and that he would bring up the question of Italian participation when the Western heads of government meet in Paris on December 19.

Mr. Robert Murphy, U.S. Under-Secretary of State who is travelling with President Eisenhower, was quoted as the source of these reports.

It was understood that spokesmen here were declining comment pending information as to what exactly Mr. Murphy said and implied.—Reuters.

U.S. Senator's Son Killed In Plane Crash

Washington, Dec. 7. Officials said two men including Senator George Aiken's son were found dead today in the wreckage of a small plane that crashed in a forest.

One of the men, the pilot, survived the crash.

A search party that tramped deep into the woods sent back word they found the bodies of Howard Aiken, 30, son of the Senator, and Arthur Tobin, 30. The pilot, Norman Paulhus, walked out of the woods earlier today.—UPI.

Over 50 Killed As Gales Continue To Lash Continent

London, Dec. 7. Winter storms raging across Europe today killed an estimated 56 persons and left a path of havoc across half-a-dozen nations.

Blizzards, hurricane-force winds, floods and heavy snowfalls hit countries from Britain to Greece—1,500 miles apart.

The fury of stormy seas small ships sank. Others claimed most victims. Four anxiously radioed for help as might seas battered them. Scores ran for the security of sheltered harbours.

Across the entire Continent it was bitterly cold.

SNOW DRIFTS

This was the picture of Europe—awash with floods, buffeted by gales, buried beneath snow drifts.

Off Britain's eastern shores, 14 men were feared drowned in the splintered wrecks of two little ships sunk by the storm.

The entire crew of 12 of the trawler George Robb died as the vessel was smashed ashore on the Yorkshire coast, its back broken.

Two other men died aboard a dredger driven ashore off East Anglia.

On land, the storms brought floods. Many roads were impassable. Flood waters invaded homes already damaged by 70 mph gales.

Off the Portuguese port of Leixoes, the tug Marianna went down, and 17 crewmen were feared drowned. Violent gales swept the northern coast of the country.

The Scandinavian countries caught the full force of the icy blast.

BLIZZARDS

Southern Sweden cowered under one of the worst blizzards in living memory and the death roll climbed to five.

The storm wrought havoc to road and rail communications in Norway, Sweden and Denmark, swept the Baltic clean of ships and sent them scurrying to shelter.

A Danish and a Swedish fishing vessel radioed they were in distress off Bergen and two Norwegian rescue craft battled mountainous seas to reach them.

In Greece, a ferry boat overturned in an artificial lake swept by squalls and 20 men were drowned. To the north, in Yugoslavia, gales swept the country. The storm lashed at Holland

too but did no damage. Austria, Germany and Italy appeared to have escaped the worst of the storm. The Alpine passes in northern Italy were blocked, heavy snow fell in the Austrian Alps and high winds lashed valleys in the central and eastern Swiss Alps.

Rain poured down on the dismal ghost of the town that was Frejus on the French Riviera.

With the dam gone, the low parts of the town, already hard hit, were in danger of floods if the gales continued.

Meanwhile, an exceptional cold wave which struck Moscow yesterday has sent temperatures tumbling below zero, only the fourth time in the last 78 years that such low temperatures have been recorded here so early in December.

At Volkolamsk, north of the capital, temperatures of 39 degrees below zero were recorded today.—AP.

PC On Drug Charge Gaoled

A detective attached to the Kowloon City Police Station was this morning sentenced to two months' gaol by Mr. J. M. S. Donnell at Kowloon Court for possession of dangerous drugs.

The defendant, DPC 294, Lui Wai-yick, 39, was gaoled when he admitted having 1 gramme of morphine (a salt of heroin) and 2 grammes of barbitone, an ingredient used in the manufacture of heroin.

Insp. Lo Wing-tong said he was instructed to search the defendant's belongings in the station barracks on December 6, when the drugs in six small packages were found.

Defendant said he had been a policeman for over 10 years and explained that the packages were seized in the course of his work and left among his belongings through negligence.



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New Flood Threat To Riviera

Ship Stands By For Evacuation As Heavy Rains Continue

French Riviera, Dec. 7. The disaster town of Frejus took urgent precautions today against a new flood threat as heavy continuing rain brought a sudden rise in the River Reyran.

Rain has been falling steadily since midnight and weather bureau officials said it was likely to continue for some time. Already it has disrupted the newly-restored telephone network in the Frejus area.

A "liberty ship" stood offshore to evacuate any or all of the 2,500 residents of Frejus-Plage, the town's beach suburb, in the event of new floods, and a fleet of buses has been moved here from Grenoble.

500 HOMES

The Malpasat Dam disaster last week which killed at least 323 people also washed away new river banks holding back the Reyran, which until the dam was built rose over its banks twice a year—in spring and in December.

The river has now run into a new channel and its rise is threatening about 500 homes in the seaside area, already damaged by the dam burst.

As bulldozers and lorries cleared mud from the outskirts of the town, citizens queued up for compulsory free vaccination against typhoid.

Loudspeakers vans drove through the town telling people where to report to a Red Cross mobile unit. About 15,000 people in the area are to be vaccinated.

A mass funeral for 50 victims, many of them unidentified, was held today. But the spectre of death has lost its sting and few townspeople attended.

HIGHER DEATH TOLL

Unexploded German land mines left over from World War II added to the misery and dangers of this flood-ravaged community.

The authorities banned the public from visiting the ruins of Malpasat Dam after the mines were discovered during the search for victims who died when the dam collapsed last Wednesday night.

Army engineers were called to defuse the mines which were laid throughout the area during the last war.

Officials feared the death toll from the disaster would eventually rise to 500. The Ministry of the Interior said the latest death count was 323. Only 250 bodies have been identified.

No Ministry source would offer an official estimate of the number still missing. But local authorities placed it at about 100 and some estimates ran even higher. —Reuters and UPI.

'ON THE BEACH' AUTHOR WON'T SEE THE FILM

Melbourne, Dec. 7. British-born author Nevile Shute has refused to see the premiere here on December 17 of the filmed version of his best-selling novel, "On The Beach," it was reported today.

Mr Shute's Private Secretary was quoted in the Melbourne newspaper, Sun News-Pictorial, as saying the 50-year-old author, who lives near Melbourne, would not attend the premiere and would issue a statement giving the reasons for his refusal later this week.

SET IN AUSTRALIA

"On The Beach," a work of fiction describing the last days of the human race after a nuclear war, was mainly set in Australia and the film was made here. The film's premiere will take place simultaneously in the world capitals on December 17.

The proceeds of the Melbourne premiere will go to an organisation which cares for the children of ex-servicemen. —Reuters.

Venezuelan Refugees Kidnapped

Mexico City, Dec. 7. At least two and perhaps as many as 14 Venezuelan refugees were kidnapped from their homes here last week by unidentified gunmen, it was reported today.

The wives of ex-Colonels Jose Pacheco Gutierrez and Edgar Trujillo Echeverria told Police their husbands were seized on Wednesday night and have not been heard from since.

Newspapers here reported that a dozen other Venezuelans, supporters of ousted ex-President Marcos Perez Jimenez, were abducted at about the same time. Mrs. Gutierrez and Mrs. Echeverria said they believe the gunmen who seized their husbands were agents of the new Venezuelan Government. Mexican Police denied any knowledge of the roundup. —UPI.

Debre Submits Compromise Plan

Paris, Dec. 7. Premier Michel Debre worked out a compromise today which he hopes will ward off a split in his Cabinet over State aid to Catholic schools.

The idea is to send into Parliament a bill limited to the enumeration of a few general principles. Details of the Catholic schools' new status would be worked out later when the passion had died down.

Political quarters said Debre submitted his draft bill to a special Cabinet meeting last night.

The Ministers and State Secretaries will cope with the problem again today at a Cabinet session presided over by President Charles De Gaulle.

De Gaulle has not taken part in the dispute, which has brought resignation threats from Ministers. But he wants to have the matter settled before he flies to Dakar on Wednesday to preside over a meeting of the Executive Council of the French Community of Nations. —UPI.

NOT THE USUAL TOURIST SIGHTS

Tokyo, Dec. 8. Patrons of a sightseeing bus company at Aizu are looking at more than the tourist sights.

A spokesman for the company complained that 28 of the company's girls "guides" are planning to be married this month, most of them to former customers.

He said many male passengers proposed to the girls frequently. He also said many old couples have taken the company's sightseeing tour two or three times to "look over" prospective brides for their sons. —UPI.

Youth On Trial For Murdering Woman In Bermuda

Bermuda, Dec. 7. Nineteen-year-old Wendell Willis Lightbourne on Monday stood trial for his life, charged with the murder of Miss Dorothy Barbara Rawlinson, an English woman who was found dead at Youthland's Beach, Warwick, on September 27.

The trial is being heard by Chief Justice the Honourable Sir Newman Worley. Crown Counsel is the Honourable J. S. Hooton, Attorney General. The accused is represented by Miss Lois Browne.

Hooton, in outlining the case for the Prosecution, told the jurors the Crown would put in evidence written statements made by Lightbourne confessing he had killed the woman.

Detective Superintendent Richard Lewis testified that he saw the accused on October 30.

"Lightbourne at that time was resting his head on his arms. He looked up with tears running down his cheeks and he said



Prince Abdullah and his Lebanese bride Lamya Solh are now officially and legally married. The marriage contracts have been signed in Beirut, and Abdullah's other princely rival has gone back disgruntled to Saudi Arabia. But according to Moroccan Court custom, the marriage may not be consummated till six months time, after a special ceremony at the Court in Rabat. So meanwhile Abdullah has given Lamya a parrot—carefully trained to repeat over and over again the words "Je t'aime, je t'aime," so that Lamya presumably won't forget. In French because they met while she was studying at the Sorbonne. Picture shows: The Prince, the bride—and the well-trained parrot.—Express Photo.

IKE IS PRESENTED WITH PAKISTAN'S HIGHEST AWARD

Karachi, Dec. 7. President Eisenhower today was awarded Pakistan's highest civilian decoration, the Order of Nishan, in the Throne Room of the former Palace of Governors.

President Mohammed Ayub Khan presented the award, which cited Mr Eisenhower's role as defender of individual freedom and his constant efforts to promote economic and social progress in free nations.

Both Presidents then exchanged gifts.

Mr Eisenhower smilingly accepted a magnificent rug, some lapis brocade and a lush made of silvered silver, the work of East Pakistan craftsmen.

President Ayub Khan got a Christmas gift of camera and film from the American people.

Speaking at a banquet in his honour at the Presidential palace, Mr Eisenhower said that every powerful nation, of which the United States was one, should in all honesty use its strength only in the interest of humanity.

Mr Eisenhower said the United States wishes to promote co-operation among nations.

Dali's New Toy

Paris, Dec. 7. Surrealist artist Salvador Dali, wearing a gold leather "spaceman's suit," today demonstrated his new "ovocipede"—a huge transparent plastic ball in which he plans to make his entry into New York later this month.

"It's a toy, just a toy," the Spanish-born painter told reporters as he stepped into the transparent ball, twirling his upturned moustache.

BALLERINA

"But I've always been obsessed by toys. I want to make toys. Of course, it's an expensive toy. I never do anything cheaply."

Dali declined to show reporters gathered at a Paris ice rink just how the "ovocipede" works. But he called on a tiny French ballerina to propel it across the ice.

He promised, however, that he would use the toy when he lands in New York from the liner America. —China Mail Special.

Political Asylum

Asuncion, Paraguay, Dec. 8. Five Brazilian Army officers who participated in the recent abortive revolt against the Rio Government have been given political asylum here, it was disclosed on Monday night.

The announcement was made to the Brazilian Embassy here by the Paraguayan Foreign Office. Two C-47 aircraft used by the rebels were turned over to Brazilian authorities. —UPI.

U.S. Jet Sets Altitude Record

Calif., Dec. 7. The Navy today claimed a world altitude record for aircraft with a flight of a McDonnell F4H Phantom II jet to an unofficial height of 98,560 feet.

Vice Admiral Clarence E. Bickstrom, Commander of the Air Force of the Pacific Fleet, said the flight was made on Sunday by Capt. Lawrence E. Flint, Jr., 39, a native of Berkeley, West Virginia.

It had been common knowledge among military aviation circles that since Russia set the July record the U.S. Services have been unofficially competing against each other to see which would be the first to better it. —UPI.

Prince Orsini Case Adjourned

Rome, Dec. 7. Lawyers for Prince Filippo Orsini and his wife, Princess Franca, asked for an adjournment when their case for legal separation came up for a hearing here today.

The judge adjourned the case to January 15.

The Princess obtained a provisional separation with custody of their two sons in June. Prince Orsini, one of the two hereditary Prince Assistants to the Papal Throne, has not appeared in the Vatican since an incident in January last year when he was taken to hospital here with slashed wrists. His name has been associated with that of Belinda Lee, the British film actress—China Mail Special.

Murderer Kills Self

McAlester, Okla., Dec. 7. Dr. Ben T. Galbraith, former McAlester heart specialist who murdered his wife and three children in 1955, killed himself today in his State Penitentiary cell where he was serving a life term.

It was the fourth time the 38-year-old one-time medical leader had attempted to take his own life since he put his family to the club and torch on March 17, 1955. Using a razor which he had hidden in his cell the Tennessee-born slayer slashed his groin.

Galbraith left a lengthy suicide note, requesting prison officials to have his body cremated and the ashes strewn on the graves of his wife and children. —UPI.

CLEANLINESS CAMPAIGN

Djakarta, Dec. 7. Wailing sirens stopped all traffic on Djakarta's street, while the military pushed brooms in the hands of passengers.

Motorists and pedestrians all over the city were set sweeping the streets to inaugurate Indonesia's cleanliness week.

Starting the national clean-up campaign, Minister of Education Dr. Prijono said "Cleanliness is part of the Indonesian national identity." —UPI.

Cyprus Elections

Nicosia, Dec. 7. Elections for the first Cyprus House of Representatives will be held on January 10. Archbishop Makarios said on Monday that the Greek Cypriot and Turkish Cypriot Communal Chambers will be held later but before the island becomes independent on February 19, he added.

The island's Presidential election will be held next Sunday. —AP.

Price Cut

Malden, Dec. 7. The 18 boys and girls in the Choir of the All Saints Church have announced they will cut their fee for singing at weddings from £4 to £1 10s. They said they reduced the price so that all comers will have a better chance for their services. —UPI.

Commons Racial Debate Ends In Uproar

London, Dec. 7. A House of Commons debate on the British Government's recent voting at the United Nations on racial discrimination ended in uproar tonight and the defeat of a critical Labour motion by 341 votes to 239—a Government majority of 102.

The motion declared strong disapproval of racial intolerance and discrimination and called on the government to act on all occasions—particularly at the United Nations—in a manner wholly consistent with this declaration.

Mr James Callaghan, Labour's chief spokesman, said the motion was aimed at a recent British vote at the UN against a resolution criticising South African apartheid policies.

Later, a government amendment asking the House to approve its efforts to promote racial tolerance was carried by 337 votes to 239, a government majority of 98.

The debate ended with members shouting at each other across the floor and Mr Callaghan waving his arms and shouting above the din: "Are you against apartheid or for it or are you too ashamed and too cowardly to give us a clear answer?"

Mr Cuthbert Alport, Minister of State for Commonwealth Relations, angered the opposition by saying its front bench was "littered with fallen ministerial timbers."

Sir Winston Churchill attended today's debate and accepted Mr Harold Macmillan's invitation to sit beside him on the front bench instead of his accustomed place.

Sir Winston voted with the government.—Reuters and UPI.

POLICE AID

Bridlington, Dec. 7. Bridlington Police broke into a house here yesterday after its screaming occupants telephoned long distance and requested that someone turn off their electric blanket. —UPI.

U.S. Army Reduction In Iceland Denied

Reykjavik, Dec. 7. The Foreign Minister, Mr Gudmundur Gudmundsson, told the parliament today that the reduction or withdrawal of American forces from Iceland "is not under consideration."

Referring to reports this weekend that the U.S. would reduce the number of its troops here from 5,300 to 4,000, Mr Gudmundsson said that only the organisation and composition of the forces is being considered. He said he recently held talks with the American ambassador concerning the organisation of Iceland's defence forces.

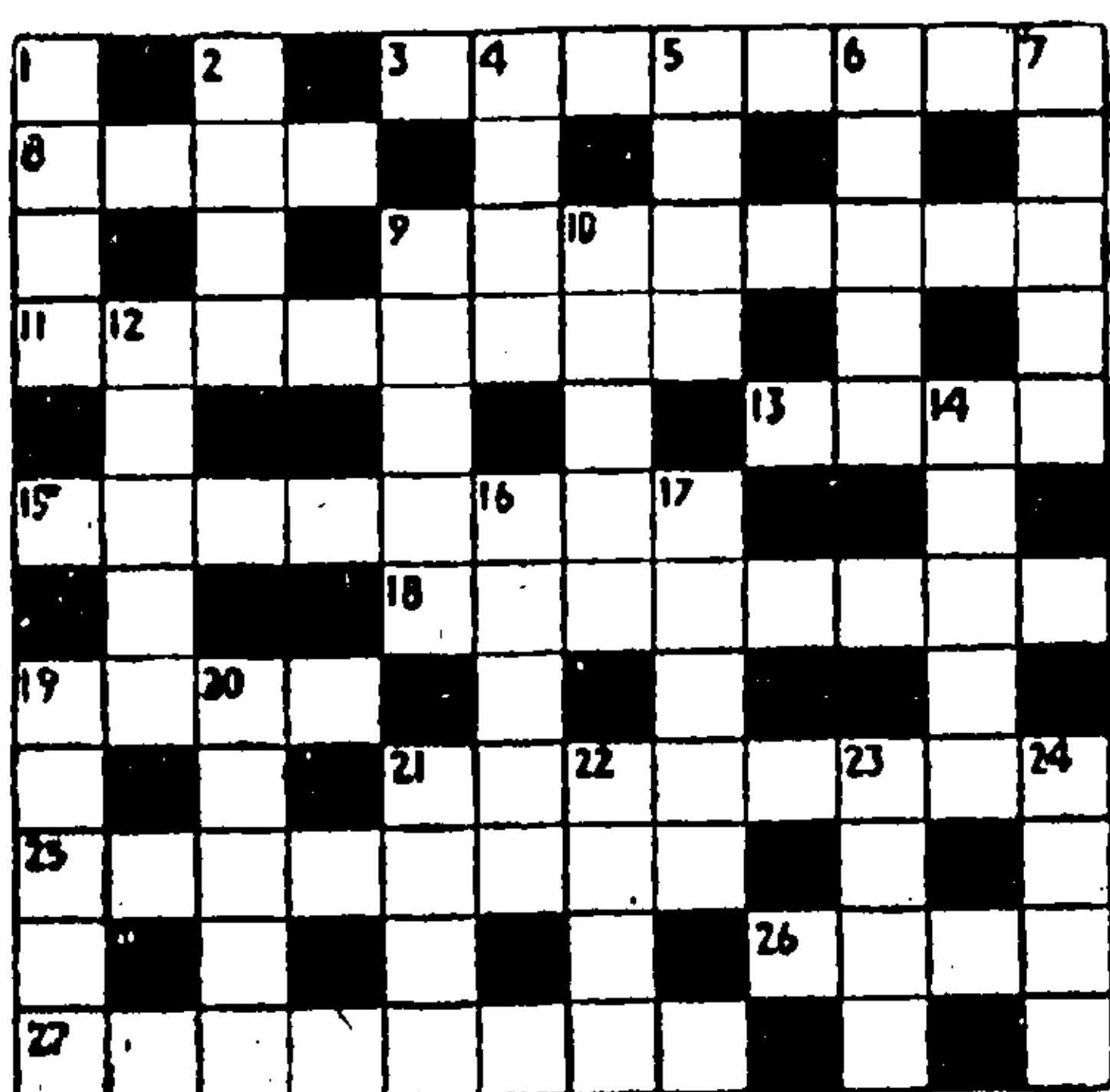
"The talks did not in any way concern diminishing Iceland's defences or the reduction of the number of forces or a changed number of troops," Mr Gudmundsson said. —UPI.

COULDN'T READ

Levittown, N.Y., Dec. 7. Virgilio Molis, 23, disregarded signs warning that the temporary House Trailer Office of the Franklin National Bank was protected by a burglar alarm system. He broke in anyway and started banging away at the vault.

He told Police who answered the alarm and arrested him that the trouble was he came over from Italy only three years ago—and can't read English. —UPI.

A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS**
- The special advantage of beef tins? (8).
 - Sign gas (4).
 - Nothing seems to go right for him (8).
 - Game for a girl (8).
 - Dash of lean (4).
 - Civic tree fellow (8).
 - Not displayed by the screw (8).
 - Army construction, apparently (4).
 - Take it to avoid collision (8).
 - A seat for Diogenes? (3, 5).
 - Elren loses a point to father (8).
 - Very pleasant things (8).
- DOWN**
- Just the game to give one a break (4).
 - Where the soldiers put up a good fight? (4).
 - Muri! (4).
 - With which experts do things (4).
 - I had a mixed drink, Scrumptious! (5).
 - Flirt at the dining-table? (5).
 - They're housed in "another place" (3).
 - Main water, as it were (5).
 - Where to find Sally? (5).
 - Passage in a Paisley kirk (5).
 - If black she goes on wheels (5).
 - One direction always? Not once (5).
 - Like the breath of someone in suspense? (5).
 - He has revolting habits (5).
 - The tobacco bird (4).
 - Possibly, parliamentary food (4).
 - That is quite a different thing (4).
 - Look up and down (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 1 Gram-me, 4 Theft, 7 Blockade, 8 Meals, 9 Strate(gem), 11 Terrace, 13 Settles, 15 Tierce, 18 Darts (stard), 19 Skeleton, 20 Endite, 21 Sty-lea, Down: 1 Gibe, 2 Mecca, 3 Ennate, 4 Temon, 5 Clean air, 6 T-lane, 10 Returned, 12 Esteem, 13 Sedite, 14 Lassie, 16 Enemy, 17 Ence.

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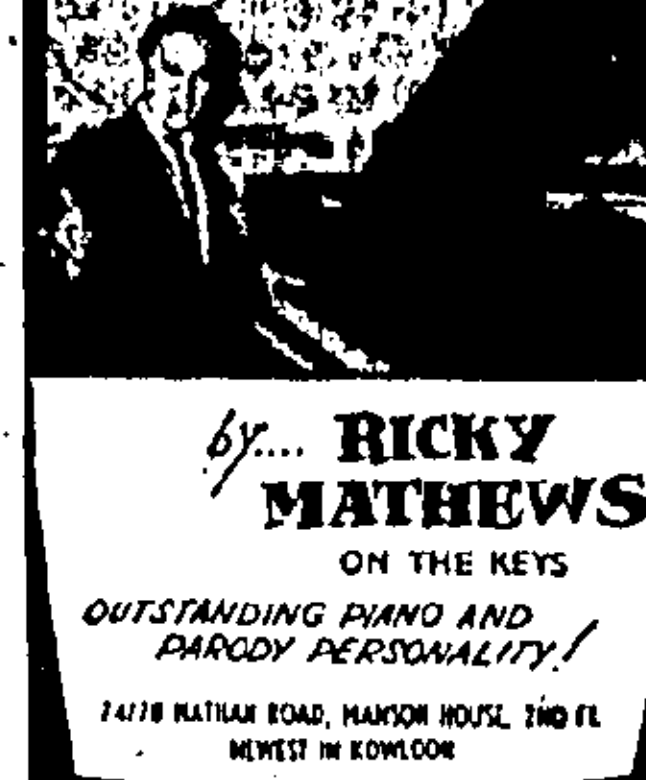
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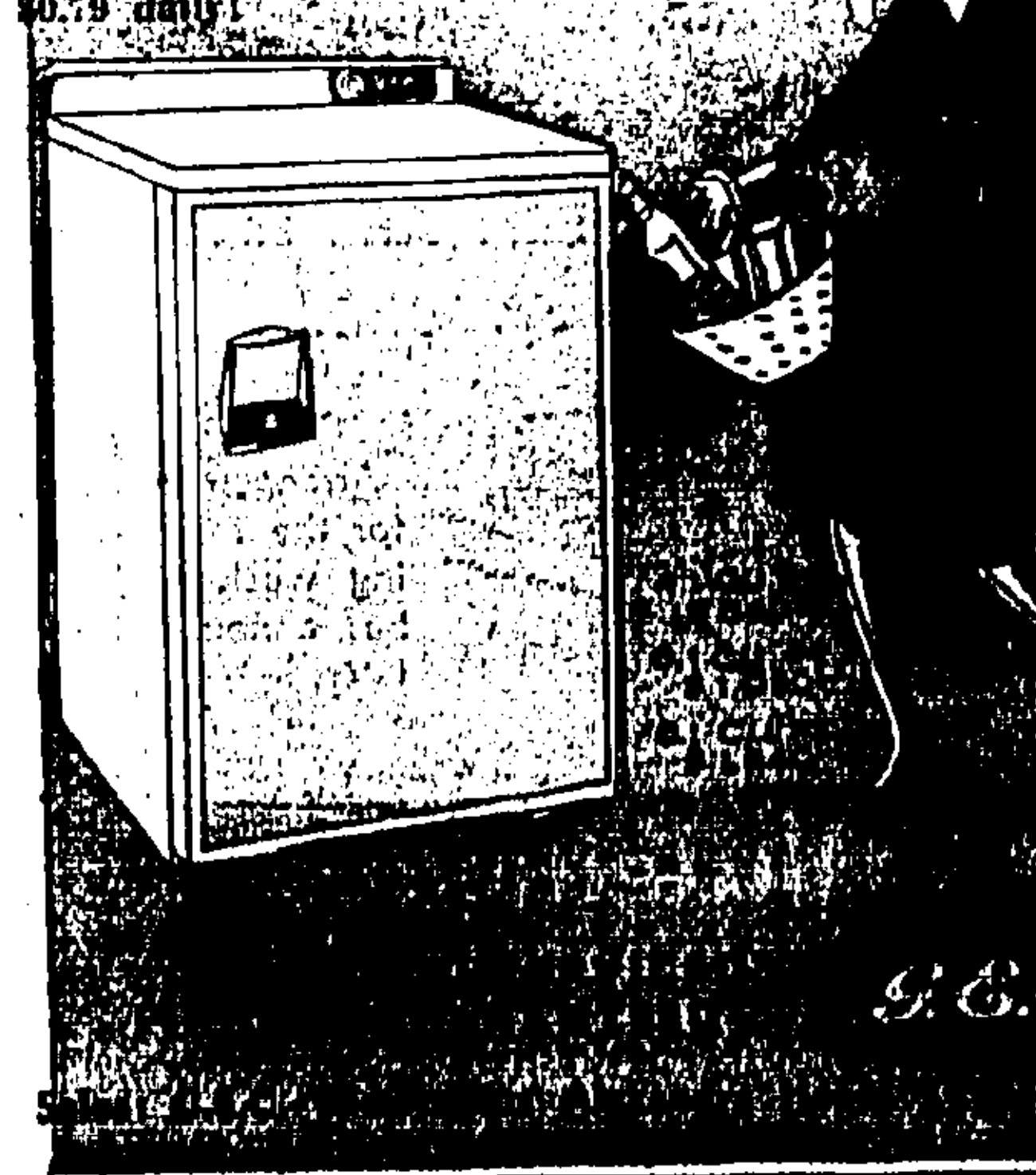
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Get-Tough Traffic Policy Results In Fewer Deaths

THE Californian road toll since January 1 should have been 3,180 deaths, according to the precise statistics of the State Traffic Department. But they reckoned without Edmund Brown, California's bluff Governor.

He decided: "Something must be done about the road carnage."

His traffic cops started a get-tough policy. Speeding and reckless driving were punished by suspension of licenses.

In the case of drunken driving, there is no dispute—a minimum six-month suspension is automatic.

This was the big stick. The insurance companies provided the carrot. Working with the Government, they started a points insurance system which penalizes the bad driver, and pays off for the good one.

Traffic violations — speeding — have fallen off sharply.

Governor Brown proudly reports: "There are 350 people alive in California today who would have died this year if we hadn't done something drastic."

THE AUDIENCE was misty-eyed with nostalgia at the premiere the other night of Broadway's new musical hit, "Fiorello."

For this was the story of the late Fiorello La Guardia, the best mayor that New York has had this century.

The plump little Italian scoured New York of corruption during his long rule from 1934-45. Fiorello loved to ride on fire engines. He read comics to the children on the radio. He told housewives how to cook a good Italian pastafazola (noodles and beans).

The "Little Flower" bloomed again on Broadway last night. And had the audience cheering.

IT was a Black Day for saloon-keepers. They had heard the news that if a motorist takes a drink too many in their saloon, and is afterwards involved in a car accident, the saloon-keeper is liable for damages because he served the alcohol.

This ruling was made in New Jersey Supreme Court in the case of Mrs. Arthur Rappaport, a widow.

Mrs. Rappaport's husband was killed in a car accident in the early hours of November 15, 1957. The car which struck then was driven by 18-year-old Robert Nichols. And Nichols was found to be drunk.

Mrs. Rappaport promptly sued for \$33,000 dollars (£101,800) damages. And she served the writs, not only against the drunken driver, but against the four Newark tavern-keepers who served him with liquor.

A two-year legal fight has resulted in her case being upheld by the Supreme Court judge, Nathan L. Jacobs. Ordering a jury trial, Justice Jacobs said it is the duty of a saloon-keeper "to foresee the risk of harm" to others through the action of an intoxicated person.

Bar-keepers are full of foreboding about this decision. My favourite bartender Paul said the other day: "So now we get sued for serving drinks to

guys with a lead on. But some guys you just can't tell if they're loaded. And they call this justice?"

DEEP-FROZEN dinners for dogs (beef, spices, charcoal) will be marketed by a California firm. The dinner comes ready-packed in an easy-to-heat aluminum. Just pop it in the oven—and listen to those appreciative barks!

BREATHING deeply, bearing his head to a wet snow-dorm, 61-year-old Roger (Terrible) Toully recently walked away from an Illinois prison, his home for 25 years.

"Boy, what a beautiful day," he said, clutching his biography "The Stolen Years."

"I'm mad at nobody, but I resent having been behind bars for a quarter-century for something I didn't do."

He was on parole from a 99-year sentence for the 1933 kidnapping of "Duke the Barber."

Factor, a whisky racketeer who himself was jailed for fraud.

Toully, one of six sons of a Chicago policeman, did not talk of his violent days—he was one of the few survivors of a machine-gun vendetta against his one-time friend, the late Al Capone, and saw three brothers shot down.

Dressed neatly, he broke into tears at the prison gate when his wife Clara walked through the snow and kissed him.

In his wallet was \$8 release money and \$200—his savings in jail.

NOT ALL their children could turn up at the wedding of Albert Gibbs and Nora Gibson at Nashville, Tennessee. Mr. Gibbs is 80, his bride is 63. They have 25 children between them by previous marriages.

MAYOR ROBERT WAGNER of New York is strongly in favour of "fluoridating" the city's water supply at an annual cost of \$69,000 dollars (£213,000).

Fluorine is added to the water supply to fight tooth decay. But it has been vigorously opposed by some groups in America who object to "mass medication."

SIX out of every 10 families own their own homes (excluding farms), according to a recent survey.

A FUGITIVE from a Florida chain-gang, Willie Reid, is to be sent back to the South, where he fears he will be killed. Reid, a Negro, escaped to New York after serving only two years of a savage 15-year sentence for assault.

Church and trade union leaders campaigned on Willie's behalf, but Governor Rockefeller decided the other day that he must be extradited to Florida and the stone-breaking chain-gang.

A DETROIT scientist was given a 10,000 dollar (£3,570) medical research grant, and he spent it all on—a teaspoonful of sugar. "But it was radioactive"

THIS IS AMERICA

New York, Monday

"sugar," said Dr. J. S. Gottlieb. He is using it in tests on schizophrenic (split-minded) patients.

GOOD NEWS for men who have to mow the lawn at weekends—scientists are working on chemicals to stop grass growing so fast. One compound sprayed on the shoulders of a Connecticut motorway cut mowings from 17 a season to two.

TWO counties in New York State, alarmed at the number of teenage driving accidents, will ask the Government to stop issuing driving licenses to under-18's.

At present you can start driving on a junior license at 16. This allows you to drive unaccompanied during the day. At night, the teenage motorist must be accompanied by a fully-licensed driver.

But New York State has just had its worst road-accident month in history. In October, 231 people were killed on the roads.

Young drivers are the worst. The age group 16 to 25 make up only a quarter of the accidents. Insurance companies demand special risk premiums for men drivers in this group.

DIVORCE is not so difficult to arrange in Texas, but Mr. Joseph F. Selby, a 51-year-old accountant who was tired of his wife, decided to dispense with the legal formalities and have her.

Selby, quiet, respectable, grey-haired citizen, was arrested at Houston, Texas, where police say he has made a full confession.

He first approached a Negro taxi driver's wife, Mrs. Lillie Red Tullman, and asked her to find a gunman to do the job.

Selby was buying death on the installment plan. He paid Lillie Tullman 2,800 dollars (£1,000) in six monthly instalments.

But Lillie double-crossed him. She gave the money to her husband Willie, who was also involved in a hire-purchase scheme. He used Selby's instalments to pay off his own instalments on a new car.

Selby took his business elsewhere. He paid another Negro 750 dollars (£208). And recently when he walked into his house he found his wife Wilma, aged 48, dead in the lobby with two 22 bullet holes in her body.

According to police, Selby said the killer was brought from Cuba.

DETECTIVE Lieutenant Anthony de Grazio was handed suspension papers recently when he landed at his home-town, Chicago.

He has been suspended for going on a European holiday with gangster Anthony "Tough Tony" Accardo.

THE BIGGEST chewing gum makers in the world have patented a substance which stops the gum sticking to false teeth.

A DEER HUNTER shot himself twice with one bullet at Grand Junction, Colorado. The bullet hit a rock, split in two, and both pieces rebounded and wounded him.

MRS. JAMES WALSH, wife of an air force sergeant, walked into a bank at Holyoke, Massachusetts, and bought a cheque for 22 dollars 75 cents (about £8).

Mrs. Walsh wanted to pay a hire-purchase instalment on a washing machine. Americans often buy a cheque to pay bills instead of using cash or Post Office money orders.

"Twenty-two dollars seventy-five—right," said the bank-teller, punching out the figures on the cheque-writing machine.

But Miss Ann Halliwell, the teller, was a little careless. Her finger must have slipped. For Sergeant Walsh's wife arrived home with a cheque of real Rockefeller dimensions — 4,000,002 dollars 75 cents.

The bank has overpaid by just £1,428,000.

Since then the bank has asked for the cheque back and said it intends to sue Miss Halliwell for her carelessness. But Mrs. Walsh is staunch in her defence.

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BIBLE THOUGHT FOR TODAY

We were in our own sight as grasshoppers. Numbers 13:7. Fear raises our enemies to the proportions of giants. Courage magnifies our own powers. Faith is the chief ingredient of courage. Press-Radio Bible Service, Inc. Cincinnati, Ohio.

CHINA MAIL ENTERTAINMENT GUIDE

FILMS
KING'S PRINCESS: "Anatomy of a Murder," starring James Stewart, Lee Remick, Ben Gazzara and Arthur O'Connell.
HOOVER & GALT: "Label," starring John De Haven and Dirk Bogarde.
ROXY & BROADWAY: "Make Mine A Million," starring Arthur Askey and Sidney James.
LEE & ASTOR: "I Was Monty's Double," starring Clifton James and John Mills.
STAR: "Legend Of The Lost," starring John Wayne and Sophia Loren.
RITZ: "Yellowstone Kelly," starring Clint Walker.
GUILD: "Five Gates To Hell," starring Douglas Fairbanks Jr. and Patricia Owens.
MAJESTIC: "North By Northwest," starring Cary Grant, Eva Marie Saint and James Mason.
CAPITOL: "Women Don't Care," starring Eddie Constantine and Nadia Gray.
STATE: "Lady on the Loose," starring John Hodiak.
PARAMOUNT: "Ten Tall Men," starring Burt Lancaster and Jody Meyer.
METRO-OLY: "Western Chamber," (Chinese musical film).

NIGHT SPOTS
PARAMOUNT: Glencore and his Italian Combo. Floor Shows by Cabaret, the King of Pick-Pockets and Manolo Cueva, Spanish Singer. Cocktail Lounge: Larry Allen at the Piano Bar.
MAXIMUS: De Young and Delyala in "The Mutual Fire Dance."
CARLTON: Mario Francisco and his Combo.
GOLDEN PHOENIX: Cabaret, the King of Pick-Pockets and Manolo Cueva, Spanish Singer from Barcelona. Music by Ponching Garcia and his Dynamic Dancers. Vocalist: Lux Vi Minde.
HOTEL MIRAMAR: Hot Feller and his Quartet with Rita Le Ling. Musical: "The Great Gatsby."
SUN VA: Music by Ollie DeLino and his band. Vocals by Fung Chan.
BLUE HEAVEN: Dancing by Jeff Spencer, and Rita and Manolo Cueva. Musical Show and Dance. Musical: "The Great Gatsby."
PRINCESS GARDEN: The Dairys and Hiroko, the "C" Bomb.

RADIO HONGKONG
9.30 p.m. For the Very Young—by Mavis, 6.45, Let's Join In—"Purple Moon"; 8, Ted Heath; 9.30, The Archers; 6.45, From the Weeklies; 7, Time News; 7.10, Commentary; 7.15, Lucky Dip; by Mavis; 8.15, Take It From Here; 8.45, Letter from America—Allstar Cooke; 9, 9.55, Weather; 10, Time News; Home News from Britain; 10.15, English Prose Through the Centuries; 10.45, Voices in Harmony; 10.45, Keyboard Cavalcade—Jan August; 10.55, Weather; 11, Time News; 11.30, Close Down.

COMMERCIAL RADIO
2 p.m. Composer Of The Day—Jan Sibelius 2.30, Background—4. Weather. For The Ladies presented by Pat Lawrence. 4.30, Children's Corner: 4.45, That Latin Beat; 5.15, Sound Track of "Some Like It Hot." 5.30, Popular Classics: 6.30, Duke Box Jury; 7, News Relay. Weather: 7.15, Piano Playtime—Jan August; 7.30, 7.45, Club, presented by Nick Kendall; 8, The Spoken Word; 8.15, Nat King Cole; 8.30, Classical Record; 8.45, News Relay. Weather: 8.55, The Dancing—Jimmy Shand and Orchestra; 9.30, Some Old Something New—presented by John Edwards; 10, Music For Lovers With Lynne Morris; 11, Radio Popular; 11.30, Weather; 11.45, Music 'Till Midnight; 12 Midnight, Weather. Close Down.

REDIFFUSION
2 p.m. Variety Calls The Tune: 2.30, Swing And Sway With Sammy Kaye; 3.30, Partners In Crime; 4, 4.30, Rendezvous; 4.30, Vocalists; 5, Children's Corner; 5.30, Progressive Jazz; 6, 6.30, Vocalists; 6.30, Birthday Mail; 7, 7.30, The Archers; 8.45, Band Call; 9, 9.30, News; 9.30, Weather; 9.30, The Archers; 9.30, Personal Parade; 9.45, The Popular Music Hour; 10, 10.30, Stars On Wings; 10.30, Mystery Is My Hobby; 10.30, Jazz Beat; 10.30, Night Stand; 11, 11.30, Men Behind The Melody—Richard Rodgers; 11.30, Press; 11.30, Late Date—Don Ross; 12, 12.30, Close Down.

TELEVISION
8 p.m., Hopalong Cassidy; 8.30, Cartoons; 8.45, Variety; 9, Close Down; 7.30, Janet Dean—Registered Nurse; 8.30, Combined by Nick Kendall; 9, The Spoken Word; 9.15, Nat King Cole; 9.30, Classical Record; 9.45, News Relay. Weather: 9.55, The Dancing—Jimmy Shand and Orchestra; 10.30, Some Old Something New—presented by John Edwards; 11, Radio Popular; 11.30, Weather; 11.45, Music 'Till Midnight; 12 Midnight, Weather. Close Down.

• BY THE WAY

by Beachcomber

I HEAR that the N.I.B. section of P.E.N. Club is perturbed by a suggestion that literature should be brought into competition with commercial television by landing novels with advertisements.

"Charles Transom had lunch well at his club. Rebbout removes beer-stains from ceilings. He ran his hand over his hair. Guilt gives that well-known look which leads to a directorship, and put on his hat porous cork stoppers keep Popsiboolia fresh. He was giving your teeth a treat with Tooth-rite. Frozen Custard makes the whole world kin.

Eskimo Cobbler Sneezes At Dancer

FOR many years I have collected startling headlines, because I like to write my own stories under them, without reading on. My latest gem is: He Waved a Cobra at the Police Inspector. Another item in my collection is: Guilty Man in Cigarette Case. Would the police think of looking there for the wanted midge?

Nothing, but the best is good enough for users of the Mock-pudding Steel Girderette for Little Buildings.

The pately Combined Foghorn and Nutterack is the answer to those discerning people who like to eat walnuts in a fog. Blakko washes black clothes blacker.

Escapism

WIAT steps are theatrical managers taking Newkreme removes wrinkles from keneups to deal with people who in the present healthy state of the theatres bring portable radio sets with them as an escape from what is going on on the stage?

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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS



An experiment in home comforts for the Army was made recently in one of the blocks in Wellington Barracks, London. Eight Guardsmen and an N.C.O. of the Third Battalion are enjoying the privilege of having three comfortable bed sitting rooms as their quarters. The experiment is to test the latest ideas for housing modern soldiers in a modern manner. The cost of the new fittings is approximately £100 per man. Photo shows O.P.S. L/Cpl John Sheppard folding his battledress on his new foam rubber bed. In the background is the new type wardrobe.

—Army News Service Photo.

UNDER HYPNOTISM, HE BECAME A BRILLIANT PAINTER

London, Dec. 7.
An unsuspected spark of genius took possession of Ted Sterrett the night he went to see a hypnotist.

The mild-mannered leather merchant became an artist, a painter of brilliant, abstract pictures for which buyers clamoured.

He can paint them only when he is in a trance.

For 30 years, as he pottered around his small handcraft shop behind Piccadilly Circus, Ted liked to express himself on canvas. But even his wife couldn't bring herself to praise the garish Ted turned out in the kitchen-studio of his small suburban home.

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But he is excited to find that his non-hypnotic pictures are improving and hopes soon to produce masterpieces without the bother of going into a trance.—A.P.

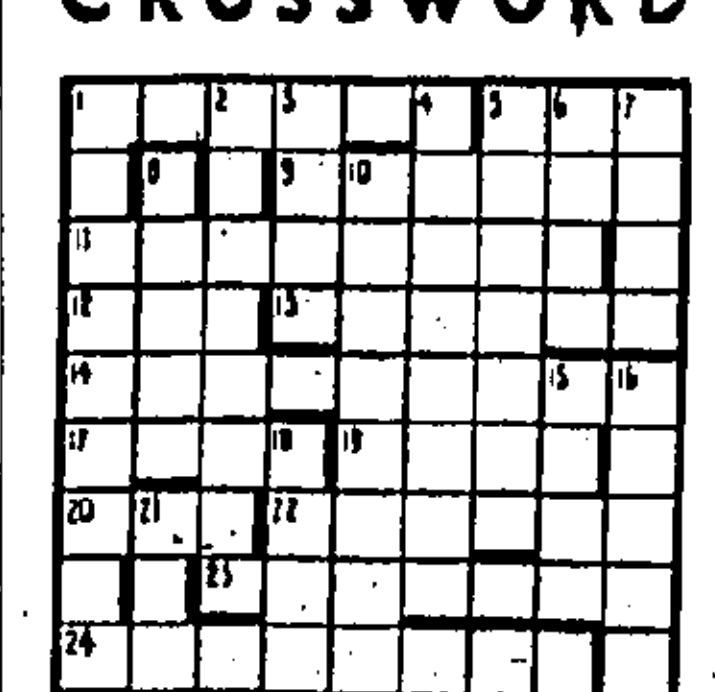
TARGET

HOW many words of four letters or more can you find in the square on the left? In each of the small squares may be used only once. You must retain the large letter in the centre square, and three must be at least one letter away from it.

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CROSSWORD



Across
1. Lettuce and so on. (6)
2. Girl's name. (5)
3. Heavenly. (5)
4. Mountain. (5)
5. Compass point. (5)
6. Thought. (5)
7. Generous. (5)
8. Single. (5)
9. Character in an Edgar Wallace play. (5)
10. Vocals. (5)
11. Diverging. (5)
12. Over-rependent. (5)
13. Timber. (5)
14. Individual. (5)
15. Beginning. (5)
16. Getting up. (5)
17. Challenge. (5)
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HIGH HEELS IN THE MONASTERY

ANNE
SHARPLEY

reporting
from
Cyprus



Nicosia.

STAYING at a Greek monastery is one of those things you can do to prove you belong to a long, high-minded line of Philhellenes. But I did it because I was curious. And perhaps because in her far-away subconscious no woman quite accepts the idea of men living in solitary asceticism—without women.

My subconscious, however far away, need not have worried. Of the 10 monasteries of Cyprus, I chose the most famous, Kykkos, which during the heat of the summer becomes almost a summer resort as the Greek Cypriots take to the mountains to keep cool.

Across a red plain lightly scattered with carthage cases, now that the shoulder of the hills is rather than the back, I drove towards Troodos Mountains.

There are not so much mountains as a series of impacted, thickly wooded pyramids (unlike Cyprus's other range which is all sharp peaks and Crusader castles) and after hours of climbing and cornering there was the monastery.

Not one of those spectacular Greek monasteries just hanging out to keep a giant grip on a cliff-top, but an easy-looking group of large buildings with a cafe at the side with drink advertisements, to help with the summer rush.

"Have a cigarette," said Father Eugenios, removing his black stovepipe hat and sitting me down in a comfortable chintz armchair in his "cell". Father Eugenios's cell was, in fact, two quite spacious rooms which gave all arrivals through them a jack-in-the-box effect.

Seven chairs

He had a tartan blanket for a bedspread, a radio draped with a pink silk scarf, an upholstered sofa, seven chairs, and a day-to-day tear-off calendar, a wine advertisement, which indicated that for Father Eugenios it was the 17th day of last month.

Father Eugenios was small, brown, bearded, and charming, although so much for clerical quiet, he had to keep dishing off to answer the telephone.

"Your supper's ready," he said after a small boy novice had come in and spoken to him in Greek.

As he led me along the arched verandah I wondered what strange new food I should find. There on the table in the room in which I was to spend the night was set out an all-too-familiar dish—egg and chips.

Father Eugenios came whisking in as I finished the meal. "Come and listen to the news," he said, and once more, at what I realised was his normal speed, we break-necked along the corridors back to his cell.

The news was followed by some throbbed-voiced Greek crooning.

That sound...

How remote it all seemed after the telephone had stopped ringing and the novices had stopped shouting rock 'n' roll—and so remote from the world of women.

This consideration was no sooner completed than we heard an unmistakable sound along the stone-flagged corridors. Click, click, click. And in walked a splendid lady in a fur coat, stiletto heels and a smile of pure gold teeth. She, too, was staying the night.

Neighbouring monks began to drop in, passing round cigarettes while Father Eugenios made coffee. Here was a young, chubby monk with the Black Imperial who was, of all things, a Manchester United fan.

"When they are beaten I feel sad," he said, reeling off the names of the players.

At five a.m. the church bell broke the already cracking dawn and just before six I was led at the usual scurry by kind Father Eugenios to the church and put in a stall next to him.

Gradually, like a gilded forest, the full extravagance of a Greek Orthodox church interior became clear. The service lasted an hour with Father Eugenios's kindly whispered injunction to me to "sit" and "stand" to guide me, a great deal of tuneless but energetic singing by the monks and novices, and a feeling that behind that layer on layer of gold of the altar screen there remained layer on layer of gold.

Breakfast was hard, tasty cheese, a piece of the good bread, and a spoonful of quince jelly taken ceremonially with a glass of water in the monastery's reception room.

I signed the visitors' book on the same page as it happened, as Archbishop Makarios.

The stay was over. I was now one of a long high-minded line of Philhellenes. And my curiosity had been satisfied.

QUOTE

—by Sir Gordon Russell, Director of the Council of Industrial Design:—

"The average person is not highly imaginative and cannot be expected to visualise a new thing from description. He has got used to a poor standard of design and, indeed, sometimes prefers it."

—by Prince Philip, at the Central Council of Physical Recreation's annual meeting:—

"I MAY be wrong about this, but if there is any meaning in this catch phrase, 'a higher standard of living,' surely it means that people should have more time to do as they like and that there should be more opportunities for enjoyment."

—by the Rev. Gordon Hyslop, speaking at a youth service at Bloomsbury Baptist Church, London:—

"A GREAT many people in the world do not realise that it is man who is important and man who matters. Our eyes turn all too readily on all sorts of other things—developments in science, great inventions, and the power of great nations."

—by Mr John Chugg at Barnstaple, Devon, Rural Council:—

"THERE should be a garden shed where a man can get away from his wife and children, smoke his pipe, and recover his equilibrium."

—by Lord Mancroft, speaking of Sunday Observance laws in London last night:—

"It is a fact that only a Mohammedan or practising Jew can operate as a barber in Scotland on a Sunday."

The astonishing story of why this rocket isn't ready yet...

Private Line

London.
WHAT will happen if lightning strikes the H-bomb nose of one of the giant Thor rockets as it points skywards on its launching pad near Britain's East Coast?

This question—and others—have raised such doubts in the minds of British safety experts that they have not yet sanctioned the delivery of any warheads to the launching sites.

I can disclose that in spite of insistent U.S. pressure to get them delivered, all the warheads are still in storage under U.S. control at Lakenheath, Suffolk. The 30 Thors already awaiting them on sites miles away are fitted with dummy noses.

British experts suspect that because the warhead contains substantial lumps of ordinary high explosive it might detonate if struck by lightning.

A full-scale explosion would be impossible because the weapon is not armed for atomic action until the British

and U.S. site commanders have each turned a key in special locks—which will never be done unless the Thor is used in anger.

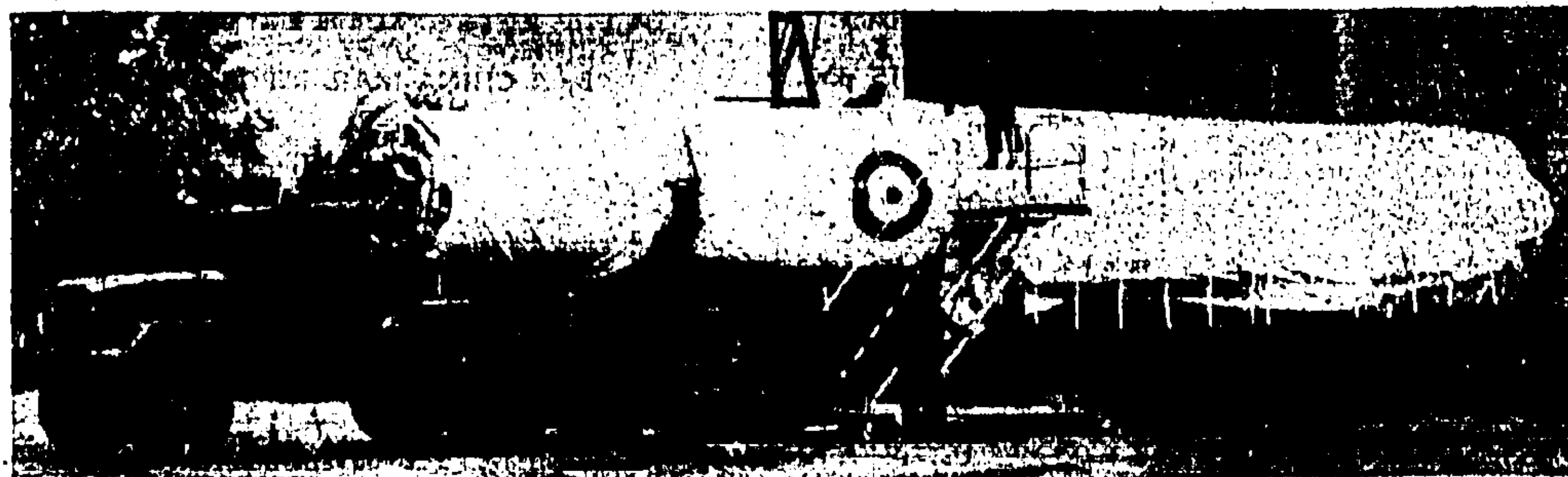
A "Fizzle" explosion releasing some radioactivity is possible. But as evidence that such a mishap is unlikely the Americans have screwed almost identical warheads on to their Atlas rockets now ready for use in California.

The British experts have a further safety worry. They are concerned about the effects of a fire in the trailers delivering the warheads to the launching sites along narrow country lanes.

Their doubts were not eased when the U.S. trailers for this purpose arrived without brakes or rearlights.

THE

COLUMN OF DISCLOSURE by CHAPMAN PINCHER



THE R.A.F.'s THOR ROCKET ON TRAILER AT EAST COAST SITE

The
Guinea
Pigs

EIGHT old women so senile that they are described by the doctors concerned as "cabbage-like" have been given severe electric shock treatment on the theoretical chance that it might improve them.

The result was so bad that the treatment was stopped after they had endured nine electric convulsions each. These experiments were undertaken on the tenuous theory that the brain is a

"mechanism" which might be jurred into some sort of action by a profound shock when it goes wrong—as a watch might be made to tick again by shaking it.

To quote the doctors: "There were reasons for thinking that some senile patients might be benefited to some degree by the giving of a very strong and unusual stimulus. We selected those who might be described as cabbage-like. Those over 90 were excluded."

Their conclusion: "Some of the patients were undoubtedly changed for the better though none to a major degree. Unfortunately these were balanced by the patients who were influenced unfavourably."

Later in their report the doctors admit that they know "practically zero" about electro-convulsion treatment, which has been used for 20 years in the treatment of ordinary mental patients. They admit that one of the objects of the investigation is to find out more about it.

I refrain from naming the doctors concerned in the belief that their intentions were entirely humane. I report their activities as further evidence of a trend which I consider dangerous—the submission of help-

less people to painful and often pointless indignity in the name of medical progress.

It's an
exaggeration

WHITEHALL is getting worked up about possible repercussions from "On the Beach," the horror film based on the devastating effects of H-bomb fall-out, when it opens in London this month.

The Foreign Office fears a resurgence of the ban-the-H-bomb marchers and demonstrations on the rocket sites. The Home Office foresees great apprehension on the part of credulous people who may believe the film, and then charge the Government with misleading them over the fall-out danger.

Meetings are being held to consider counter-measures to assure the public that the film is a fictional exaggeration. —(London Express Service).

CAN WOMEN CRACK THE WORLD'S MOST CORRUPT CITY?

by IAN AITKEN

New York, Thursday

YOU call it "a bribe." New Yorkers call it any one of a hundred names. And the latest is "the old payola."

It's a good name, especially the bit about "the old." For it means good old-fashioned graft—New York's oldest and (if you judge by the well-heeled company it keeps) most prosperously respectable industry.

Of course, it has its ups and downs like any other business. But this year is one of the good years. In New York alone some 18 investigations into graft scandals are going on right now.

Shysters

They reach into fields as far apart as the law, television, ambulance services, newspaper distribution—and even graft investigation itself.

In the past few weeks the lid has blown off television quiz shows, TV and radio record programmes, city slum clearance projects, gambling—and even the neighbourhood butchers' shops.

Teenagers have learned that their favourite disc jockeys may be accepting money to play them one record rather than another.

Slum dwellers patiently waiting for new homes have discovered that their landlords and the slum clearance contractors are in league to keep them in their misery.

Accident victims have found that ambulance services and shyster lawyers are in league to enrol new legal clients for the lawyers.

Grubbiest

And housewives have discovered that the men paid by the city to protect them from dishonest shopkeepers are in league with the dishonest shopkeepers.

ALL this is new. But New Yorkers know that behind it all lies a police department notorious for its persistent graft scandals, a body of politicians who are among the grubbiest in the world, and a public morality that is more inclined to ask "How can I get in on it?" than "How can it be stopped?"

Yet experienced observers who have seen the "city-wilds" crawling with what

to a licence to cheat. Dishonest shopkeepers were being told that they could safely go ahead and sell short weight or inferior quality goods—provided the profits were shared with the inspectors.

Bribes

Thanks to the women, two city officials and a crooked union boss are already in goal. Dozens more are expected to follow them. And the tide of indignation is already lapping round the ankles of mayor Robert Wagner.

Excuses

It all began when housewives in a working-class district of suburban Brooklyn discovered that their hard-won house-keeping money was buying even less than usual. They were paying more and more for meat. And they were getting worse quality for the money.

Chickens that weighed 3lb. in the butcher's shop mysteriously weighed only 2lb. on the kitchen scales. Steak that looked tender on the slab turned out to be tough and gristly on the plate.

In growing numbers they complained to the local inspectors of the city Bureau of Weights and Measures. But they were met with bland excuses and shifty smiles. The dollars continued to dribble down the drain.

Network

Indignantly, the housewives took their complaints direct to City Hall. And when the files were bulging with angry letters City Hall officials at last decided to act.

What they found was a staggering network of crooked deals between butchers, all over New York—and the city's own inspectors of weights and measures. The inspectors were systematically peddling what

New York's principal protectors, the 24,000 strong police force, provides a clue. For, excluding Latin America, the men laughingly called "New York's finest" are probably the world's most consistently corrupt law enforcement agency.

New Yorkers have seen the pilgrimage of overcautious cops around the neighbourhood stores and bars asking for "unsolicited Christmas gifts."

Any taxidriver can tell you the price of getting his licence renewed without trouble or delay, and most small shopkeepers can tell you how much it costs to park a delivery van regularly in a no-parking street.

Building contractors can make a fair estimate of how much they will have to pay to avoid a flock of prosecutions for minor violations of city building regulations, and the owners of small workshops have a similar knowledge of the cost of minor violations of the fire regulations.

So it goes on. So it will always go on, until New Yorkers wake up to the fact that it is not an inevitable part of city life. And now the women are helping. That may happen...

—(London Express Service).

Eskimos may get new system of writing

Ottawa.

CANADA'S 11,000 Eskimos may soon get a new written language to add to the two systems which have already been taught to them by missionaries.

In the Eastern Arctic, most Eskimos at present use syllables, a type of shorthand. In the Western Arctic they use a Roman alphabet without the letter Z.

Neither system is adequate to represent correctly the Eskimo tongue.

Churchmen protest

Now Dr Gilles Lefebvre, of the University of Montreal, has developed a new system, using the Roman alphabet which he hopes will standardise spelling and usage.

It closely resembles the written language used by the more advanced Greenland

Eskimos, and means that books written by Greenlanders and the classics they have translated would be available to Canadian Eskimos.

But many Canadian churchmen are indignant about the new language.

Dr D. B. Marsh, Anglican Bishop of the Arctic, says that to destroy syllabic writing would be to destroy something which has become distinctively Eskimo.

It would also mean that Bibles and Prayer Books would have to be reprinted. The Northern Affairs Department is expected to arbitrate. —(London Express Service).



REHEARSAL FOR MOSCOW

TALKING POINTS

A society grows round its ideals. —RAJAGOPALACHARI.

A platitude is a truth we are tired of hearing. —GODFREY NICHOLSON.

Learning is often the enemy of initiative. —LORD SAMUEL.

Every reform was once a private opinion. —EMERSON.

It is not the longest sword but the longest purse that conquers. —DEFOE.

The best reformers are those who begin on themselves. —BERNARD SHAW. —(London Express Service).

MCC Team Leaves For WI Today

A ROUGH SEA AND A TOUGH FIGHT AHEAD OF THEM

London, Dec. 7.

England's touring cricketers assembled at Lord's today and braced themselves for a rough sea trip to the West Indies — and a tough fight on the cricket fields when they got there.

The 15 players, captained by 29-year-old Peter May, met at cricket's headquarters for a briefing amid reports of gales and 120-foot high waves in the Atlantic. They sail in the 8,687-ton liner Camito from Avonmouth on Tuesday.

Malaya 129 For Three

Malaya were 129 for three at the lunch interval in their one-day match against the President's XI at the IRC ground, Soekunpo, today.

Sent in to field, the President's XI took two early wickets when they dismissed both Malaya's opening batsmen for five runs.

M. Shepherdson and skipper M. Sathasivam, the next batsmen in, however, took the score over the century mark before Sathasivam was bowled by Ebert after scoring 38 runs.

Shepherdson was still not out with 21 runs to his credit. The other not out batsman was R. Bowles with 20 runs.

Scores at the lunch interval were:

Malaya	
Yeo Hai-gual, c Lal-chandani, b C. Myatt	4
A. Murali, c All Khan, b K. G. Spink	1
M. Shepherdson, not out	21
M. Sathasivam, b Ebert	38
R. Bowles, not out	20
Extras	9
Total for 3 wks. 129	

The sea trip is part of England's plan to improve on the performances given by Len Hutton's team on the last West Indies tour of 1953. England began that tour disastrously, lost the first two Test matches but later rallied to tie the series 2-2 with one game drawn.

Critics blamed the travelling arrangements. They said the players, by flying to the Caribbean, went straight into the tropical light and didn't have a chance to get properly accustomed to it before the Tests.

Hence the plan to get May's men acclimatised by sending them by sea — Atlantic gales and all.

Unknown Factors
England has never won a Test series in the West Indies. Sports writers point to two unknown factors in the coming tour:

★ How will England's new young bowlers — left-spinner Tommy Greenbough, off-spinner Ray Illingworth, and left-arm David Allen — fare on the hard, sun-baked Caribbean wickets?

★ Just how good will the West Indies newcomers — Solomon, Butcher, Watson, Mac-Morris and Stayers — prove to be?

When the West Indians came to England in 1957, they lost the series 3-0 with two Tests drawn.

Since then England's morale has been shaken by a humiliating defeat in Australia last winter. But the West Indies have lost one of their greatest batsmen, Collye Smith, killed in a tragic automobile crash in England three months ago.

England's batting seems strong on paper. Peter May, Colin Cowdrey, Mike Smith, Geoff Pullar, Ken Barrington and Ted Dexter form the spearhead.

Pop Talk

Two fast bowlers, Brian Statham and Freddie Trueman, have had previous experience of the hard Caribbean pitches. Another, Alan Moss, will be playing in the West Indies for the first time.

Team manager Walter Robins gave the team a pep talk at Lord's and urged them to do everything to make the tour a friendly one. England's cricket chiefs are out to do everything possible at their end to avert the ill-feeling that reached boiling point with fans throwing bottles on the field in the 1953 tour.

West Indies High Commissioner Garnet Gordon planned to launch the trip in a friendly way by entertaining the England team to cocktails tonight. The Englishmen are due to play their first game at Grenada against the Windward Islands on Dec. 21.

The MCC team leaving tomorrow is:

Peter May (Surrey-Captain), Colin Cowdrey (Kent-Vice-Captain), David Allen (Gloucestershire), Keith Andrew (Northamptonshire), Ken Barrington (Surrey), Ted Dexter (Sussex), Tom Greenbough (Leicestershire), Ray Illingworth (Yorkshire), Alan Moss (Middlesex), Geoff Pullar (Lancashire), Mike Smith (Warwickshire), Brian Statham (Lancashire), Raman Subba Row (Northamptonshire), Roy Swetnam (Surrey) and Freddie Trueman (Yorkshire).—AP.

The Winning Goal



Hill (white shirt, extreme left), bearded Fulham inside-right, heads the ball beyond the reach of leaping Burnley goalkeeper Blacklaw to score Fulham's winning goal in the first division English League match between the two teams at Craven Cottage, London, recently. Fulham won 1-0. — Reuterphoto.

Inter-Varsity Rugby Match Today Most Open In Years

London, Dec. 7. Tomorrow's Inter-Varsity Rugby Union match between Oxford and Cambridge at Twickenham must be one of the most open for years.

Both teams have been so plagued by injuries that their actual playing record bears little relation to their ability.

Oxford's injury troubles have been more severe than Cambridge's and in addition they have made a big gamble in playing the American, Pete Dawkins, on the right wing. Cambridge will have to watch the explosive power of this All-American footballer, who has had less than a dozen first class Rugby Union games.

Dawkins, 21, a Rhodes scholar, Infantry lieutenant and captain of the undefeated West Point American football team last season, can hurl his 14st 9lb frame at a terrific pace past an opponent to get to the line. An intimate knowledge of the game is not necessary to score tries on the wing.

Cambridge have won five and lost seven first class fixtures this season, and Oxford have won six and lost three.

This will be the 78th match of the series. Oxford have won 35, Cambridge 30, and 12 have been drawn.—Reuter.

Peter Thompson To Play In P! Open Golf

Manila, Dec. 7. Peter Thompson, four times British Open champion and runner-up in the recent Canada Cup world title in his native Australia, will play in the \$15,000 Philippine Open here next month, tournament sponsors announced today.

Thompson is one of eight Australians coming to the Philippines for the tournament, including defending Philippine Open champion Bruce Crumpton, Kei Nagle who teamed with Thompson to win the Canada Cup team play and veteran Norman Von Nida.—AP.

Australia's Tennis 'Bad Boy' Gets The Sack

Melbourne, Dec. 7. Australia's tennis "bad boy," Bob Mark, has been sacked from his £A2,600-a-year job with wealthy Melbourne tennis enthusiast, Mr Bob Mitchell, according to the Melbourne Herald.

It quoted Mitchell as saying today Mark did not train hard enough.

"My ideas on tennis training are very strict. Mark's are not," he added.

Mark is one of Australia's rising young brigade of tennis players.

He was a member of the official Australian touring team for

the past three years.

He was also a member of Australia's victorious 1959 Davis Cup squad although he did not play a match.

Temperamental
Mark has often been criticised for his temperamental outbursts on the court.

The Herald reported Mitchell said today Mark's court behaviour had nothing to do with "our sporting company," but added: "I have, however, spoken to him lots of times about it."

Mark would make no comment on his sacking.

Mitchell is believed to spend an estimated £A8,000 a year on employing tennis players.

Other top stars on his payroll are successful Wimbledon and Davis Cup doubles player, Roy Emerson, and Australian junior champion, Martin Mulligan.—China Mail Special.

Modified Forfeit Declaration Scheme For British Racing

London, Dec. 7. The Jockey Club, Britain's racing authority, decided here today that a modified scheme for a declaration of forfeit three days before running is to be operated in British racing from next year.

For the flat racing season starting in March 1960, and the national hunt (jumping) season opening in July 1960, there will be a declaration of forfeit three days before running.

The only change from the experimental scheme which operated during part of the flat racing season which ended last month is that the final liability for non-runners will not exceed that for runners.

The Jockey Club turned down the idea of overnight declaration, which is the rule in many countries. Their statement said that "no financial advantage would be likely to accrue to racing in 1960 through the adoption of overnight declarations."—China Mail Special.

Djurgarden Win Last Game Of Tour

Djakarta, Dec. 7. The Swedish soccer team, Djurgarden, today beat the Bandung team 4-2 in the final game of their five-game series here.

The Swedes, who arrived here on Nov. 27, will leave for home tomorrow.—UPI.

ILTF RECOMMENDATIONS UNREALISTIC

SAYS JACK KRAMER

Sydney, Dec. 7.

Professional tennis promoter Jack Kramer today described as "totally unrealistic" the Open tournament recommendations of the International Lawn Tennis Federation Special Committee.

Kramer said he had nine professionals under contract and would not let them play in Open tournaments arranged under the proposed rules.

"All the plan means is that amateurs put up a stake for the professionals and still retain full control of the tournament," Kramer said. "Unless the ILTF consults the pros about these tournaments and gives us some say in their organization my boys will not be taking part."

Kramer's idea of Open tournaments is to have a Professional Tennis Association formed to work in collaboration with amateur bodies around the world.

A Step Closer
Australian Davis Cup captain Harry Hopman, however, conceded that the ILTF plan seemed a step closer to open tennis.

Hopman said: "The classification of certain players is the idea of Jean Borotra, former world champion and Davis Cup player. Even if open play is accepted by the ILTF Council it does not mean top professionals will compete."

At Melbourne Donald M. Ferguson, president of the Australian Lawn Tennis Association, said today that Open tennis tournaments would not alter the present Davis Cup setup.

Ferguson said: "I don't imagine professionals will be allowed to represent their countries in the Davis Cup."

However, he added: "Open tournaments are a natural evolution with spectator interest in professional sport these days. They would also boost tennis interest generally."—UPI.

Strange Way Of Losing A Fight

Nottingham, Dec. 7. Percy Lewis of Trinidad retained his British Empire featherweight title tonight after his unmarked Scottish opponent mistakenly failed to beat the count.

John O'Brien of Glasgow was floored in the second round by a left hand punch from Lewis that was half a hook and half a swing.

The Scotsman did not seem in great trouble. Then he got up, apparently wanting to fight on.

O'Brien went back to his corner crestfallen when the referee awarded Lewis the fight. Lewis danced with joy at his easy victory.—AP.

SCOTTISH FA CUP DRAW

Glasgow, Dec. 7. St Mirren, Scottish Football Association Cup holders, begin their defence of the trophy with a home match against Glasgow University in the first round on January 30.

It is perhaps fortunate for the University that this "plum" match is to be played at Paisley. Their own ground has only one turnstile and no terracing.

Glasgow Rangers, second in the first division, have to travel outside Scotland, to the Northumberland club of Berwick Rangers who are in the top half of the second division.

Most of the other big clubs, including Celtic, Motherwell, Hibernian and Heart of Midlothian, the Scottish League Cup holders, were among those who received byes into the second round.—Reuter.

Chung Cheong Retain Men's 'A' Shuttle Title

The Chung Cheong Badminton Club retained their Colony Men's "A" Doubles badminton league title last night when they defeated Chinese YMCA in their last match of the tournament by five matches to four.

The victory also enabled the champions to complete their fixtures with an unbeaten record.

Hero of Chung Cheong's victory last night was their 16-year-old schoolboy player Fei Tai-chung. In partnership with Yeung Hung-chow, Fei played like a seasoned campaigner to lead his side to a 21-9 win over veterans F. H. Wong and W. F. Foo in the deciding game.

Scores in last night's match are:

Siu Cheun and S. K. Wong (CYMCA) lost to Chu Sai-wah and Hung Sui-choy 16-21, lost to R. Tay and Wong Wai-hung 14-21, beat Fei Tai-chung and Yeung Hung-chow 21-5.

F. H. Wong and W. F. Foo (CYMCA) lost to Chu and Hung 16-21, lost to Tay and Wong 12-21, lost to Fei and Yeung 9-21.

R. Young and M. A. Ebrahim (CYMCA) beat Chu and Hung 21-3, beat Tay and Wong 21-8, beat Fei and Yeung 21-10.

NEW FORMULA FOR OLYMPIC 1,600m RELAY

Paris, Dec. 7. The French Athletics Federation was informed by the International Athletics Federation today of a new formula for the 1,600 metres relay at the Olympic Games in Rome next summer.

According to the new formula, the first 500 metres will be run in staggered lanes instead of the first 400 as before. The new formula has been adopted to avoid the jostlings which frequently occur in the first relay.

The race will be run as usual, but the second runner of each team will remain in the lane for the 100 additional metres, that is during a complete turn.—AFP.

Azam Khan Retains Squash Title

London, Dec. 7. Pakistan's Azam Khan retained his British Open Squash Championship title here today when he beat his cousin Roshan Khan, 9-1, 9-0, 9-0 in the final. The match lasted only 18 minutes. It was the fastest final on record.

Reurrence of an old knee injury by Roshan, which left him helpless and unable to move to a shot from midway through the second game, handed the title to Azam. Roshan fell and twisted his knee in the first game but kept plugging. Roshan collapsed then and was unable to hide his injury any longer.—UPI.

FARMER FATHER WON TENNIS TITLES PLAYING RIGHT, THEN LEFT-HANDED

Wimbledon May See Jan The Wonder Girl

Melbourne.

Jan Lehane, brilliant Australian country-girl tennis player who won the New South Wales singles title, beating Wimbledon champion Maria Bueno on the way, is likely to head for Wimbledon and the world tennis circuit next year if the prediction made by her Sydney coach holds good.

"It is no use her going away until she has licked everyone in Australia," the coach said some months ago. Now Jan looks as though she will lick the lot.

Already she has won the Queensland title, beating Christine Truman, and the New South Wales title, beating America's Mimi Arnold as well as world champion Miss Bueno.

Jan, 18 last July



In the series of bouts between the Army and the ABA one of the best fights turned out to be a real slugfest. It was the match between the heavyweights L/Sgt L. Hobbs of the Grenadier Guards and W. Walker. Photo shows L/Sgt Hobbs (right) catching Walker with a nasty left hook to the chin. Hobbs won on points after a tremendous struggle.—Army News Service photo.

ARMY BOXERS BEAT PILL-TREATED LONDONERS IN ANNUAL MATCH

By ARCHIE QUICK

Pills to hasten the healing of cuts, bruising and bleeding were given to each of London's representatives when they fought their annual match with the Army at Seymour Hall, Marylebone. The soldiers took nothing.

Harley Street physician, Dr. J. L. Blomstein, Medical Officer to the London Amateur Boxing Association, said: "I prescribed the pills. They are not harmful; in fact, they are helpful. One of the boxers here tonight was badly cut and bruised four days ago, and he could not have appeared and he not taken the pills. They are not drugs, just a help to the blood stream. They are not pay pills either."

The Army trainer, CSMI Marks, said: "We do not object, but it is against the ABA rules to take a stimulant of any kind; even smelling salts are barred." CSMI Marks said he was going to enquire into their effects. The referee, judges and the Army Secretary, Major E. D. Malpas, knew nothing about the pills being taken.

Best Fight

Despite their ration of two yellow pills apiece, London were beaten by seven bouts to six—the same margin as last year.

It was left to the last fight to decide the issue, and heavy-weight Fusilier Fred Dolan, Royal Highland Fusiliers, outpointed Bob Wallace, of Hampstead, after having his man down for a long count in the second round.

The best fight of the evening, however, was the other heavy-weight contest between the Army champion, L/Sgt Len Hobbs, Grenadier Guards, and Billy Walker, West Ham, brother of the former professional cruiserweight George Walker. It was a non-stop slugfest match, and, although Hobbs won, he was knocked off his feet for the first time in his career.

There was an unusual incident in the fight between McLaren, Brixton, and the Army welterweight titleholder, Rifleman Peter Morgan, Greenjackets. Morgan was floored, but was up by nine. The referee went on to complete the count of ten, and then declared that he had stopped the contest. The referee said afterwards that counting to ten was "a slip of the tongue."

The full results were:

Results
Flyweight: Dvr J. Mallon, RASC, outpointed J. Patullo, Croydon.
Bantamweight: Pte L. Mackay, RAOC, outpointed B. Blismire, West Ham.
Bantamweight: Dvr B. Cartwright, RASC, out W. Meek, St. Luke's, stopped in second round.
Featherweight: P. Lundgren, Fisher, outpointed Rtn. J. Head, Greenjackets.
Lightweight: A. Dunning, Battersea, outpointed L/Cpl J. Devitt, Greenjackets.
Light Welterweight: L/Cpl D. O'Brien, 11 Hussars, outpointed R. Clarkson.
Welterweight: R. McLaren, Lynn, beat Rtn P. Morgan, Greenjackets, stopped in third round.
Light Middleweight: Cpl J. Pinner, REME, beat K. Cooper, Repton, stopped in third round.
Middleweight: S. Holbrook, Middle Row, outpointed Pte A. Matthews, Kings Regt.
Middleweight: R. Nicholson, Fitzroy Lodge, outpointed Dvr

BIGGEST PROBLEM IN WORLD SOCCER MAY BE SOLVED

United Nations Of Soccer Will Sort Out Rules

By HARRY ANDREW

London.

The biggest problem in world football is how to end the constant trouble and strife when a British side meets one from abroad.

The European Cup is the most glamorous, most financially successful tournament ever devised. It is also promoting more hate and ill-feeling than any other competition in history.

Scotland's champions, Rangers, and England's titleholders, Wolves, have both played Iron Curtain sides in the past few weeks. In both cases there was violence and a legacy of ill-feeling.

Something HAS to be done. Something IS being done by Europe's football bosses, though it will not affect this season's tournament.

Get-Together

Recently I made a phone call to Paris to Monsieur Pierre Delaunay, secretary of the European Union. Fairly, through the atmospheres came the news of one of the most exciting Soccer get-togethers ever planned.

Monsieur Delaunay told me that the idea is to build an International Village. To it every year will be invited managers and coaches from all the countries of Europe—the club bosses who dictate the teams' methods and tactics.

This plan will go before a full meeting of the European Union in March for final approval. If it is given the all clear—and who can doubt it—a site will be found and the village built.

At this village the men who run the playing side of the game will get the chance to

know each other properly; to hear all the points of view; to thrash out the differences; and to reach a general level of understanding and method.

Spark-Points

For instance, two obvious spark-points are the British habit of challenging the goalkeeper and the Continental tactics of obstruction.

And here is the moment to underline one vital fact, despite the silly cries that are still being raised. These games will go on.

They will be played in ever increasing numbers. To a very great extent Britain's football future lies on the continent of Europe.

That is a fact we cannot duck—and must not attempt to. And if it means that Britain's bosses must compromise about our playing methods, then compromise we must.

Britain must forget all the propaganda about tradition, that it is the home of football. Other countries are just as entitled to their points of view—and it would pay Britain to listen. They have already made improvements to the game that we are being forced to copy.

Historical Fact

I remind the doubters of one historical fact. There was a time when Scotland and England played to different rules and when trouble between the two countries was so great that there was an official threat to

end all matches between the two.

But out of that trouble grew an agreed set of rules. Today we are making a new beginning with all the feeling better that goes with a fresh start.

The sooner we realise that and start doing something about it, the sooner we'll have an end to the sort of unpleasantness we saw between Rangers and Bratislava Red Star recently. . . . the unpleasantness that prompted Wolves manager Stan Bullis to say after the match in Belgrade: "The Continental type of football and the British type are now so far apart that every clash between the two is likely to bring these incidents."

Very soon several British clubs will be asked to play in the Friendship Cup with sides from Italy and France. Within the near future the Scottish and English Leagues will be regularly tackling other European Leagues.

Understanding has to come quickly.

Burns Retains Empire Title

Sydney, Dec. 7.
Empire welterweight boxing champion George Burns, 193½ pounds, retained the title when he stopped challenger Bill Todd, 147½, in the sixth round at Sydney Stadium tonight. The bout was scheduled for 15 rounds.—AP.

PEN SKETCHES OF MCC TOURISTS

GEOFFREY PULLAR—ENGLAND'S NEW OPENING BATSMAN

The most important result of the bold experiments made by the England selectors this year has been the emergence of Geoffrey "Noddy" Pullar as a regular opening batsman for his country.

For years the choice of an opening pair has been the selectors' biggest headache. Now left-handed Pullar has gone a long way towards filling the latest gap created by the departure of Peter Richardson.

Protests

Strong protests came from the critics when this six-foot, 13-stone Lancastrian was given a place in the Third Test against India this year—ahead of such in-form opening batsmen as Maurice Hallam and John Edrich. After all, he had always batted No. 3 for his county.

But Pullar silenced his critics by hitting 75 and sharing in an opening partnership of 146—England's best start in 26 Tests.

In his second Test innings he scored 131 and had the distinction of being the first Lancastrian ever to hit a Test century at Old Trafford.

Pullar finished the season as third in the national batting averages (2,647 runs, average 55.14) and third in the Test averages (242 runs, average 69.5). He scored eight centuries and won the Cricet Writers' Club trophy for the outstanding young cricketer of 1959.

Fast-Scoring Bat

Geoff Pullar was born 24 years ago only a few miles from the Old Trafford ground, at Swinton, where his father kept an office. The family moved to Oldham and at 14 Geoff was playing cricket for the town.

At 15, he became a fast-scoring batsman for Werneth in the Central Lancashire League and was soon opening regularly for the club. In 1954 he made over 900 runs in that

position and then, at 18, joined the Lancashire ground staff.

After finishing an apprenticeship in the jewellery trade, Pullar turned professional in 1956 and began his advanced training under former England opener Cyril Washbrook.

Washbrook drilled into him the patience and thoughtfulness required of a Test-class batsman. It was not always easy. Last year Pullar was sent home from the Oval for

hitting out at Laker after being told he was to be "night-watchman."

Best Eater

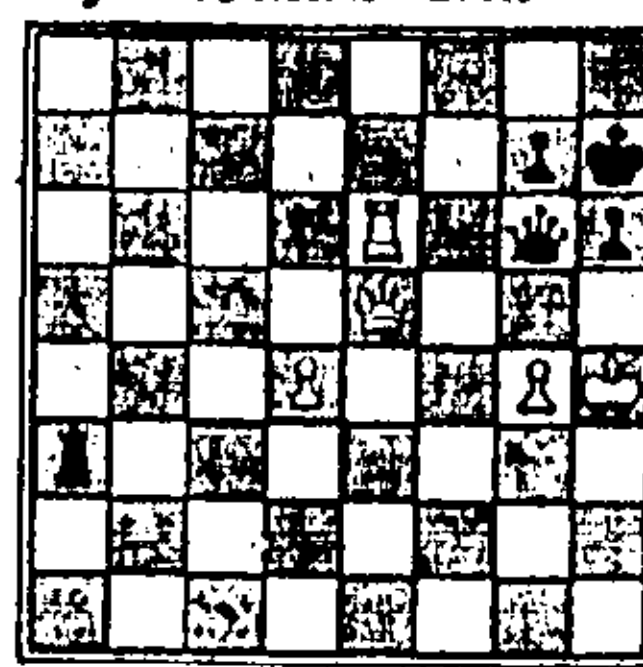
Pullar has also been pressed into faster running between the wickets. For he is naturally lethargic and is known as the best eater and sleeper in English cricket.

After a marathon innings his first complaint is about his empty stomach and he rivals Colin Cowdrey with his ability to fall asleep in a matter of seconds on a journey.

Some say he even dozes off while fielding in the deep. Hence his nickname, "Noddy."

CHESS

by LEONARD BARDEN



Here is a position from actual play: Black to move and win. London Express Service.

Sports Diary

TO-DAY

Hongkong Cricket League President's XI v Malaysia at Indian Recreation Club, 10.30 a.m.
Admission.
Men's "C" Double: Recreation v CCC, LRC v India Club, Meeting.
CFA Interport Sub-Committee Meeting at CAAI Building, 5.45 p.m.

TO-MORROW

Cricket
Combined Services v Malaysians at Recreation ground, 10.30 a.m.
Cross Country Race
HQ Land Forces Cross Country Race at Sek Kong, 2.15 p.m.

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DARLING, DO HAVE A CUP OF TEA, YOU'RE DRIVING YOURSELF TOO HARD



SILENCE, WOMAN! LET MYSELF BE CONCENTRATING

MONEY, MONEY, MONEY! I WANT TO BE RICH! I WANT TO BE RICH!



FERD'NAND

by Mink



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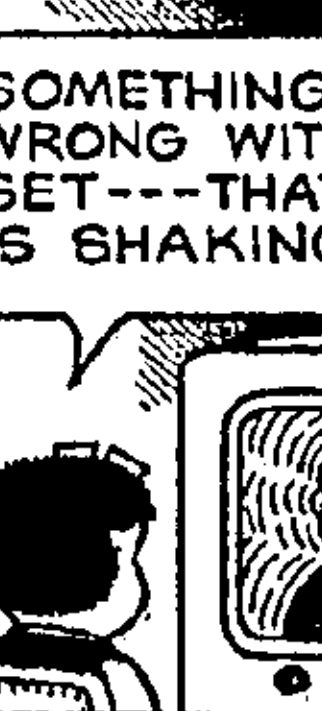


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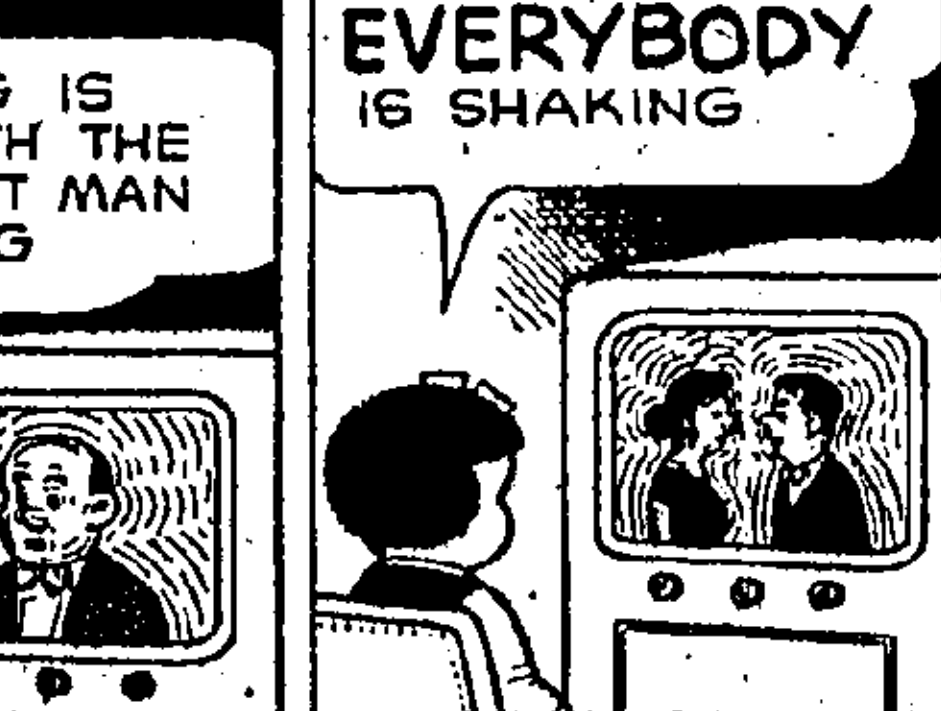
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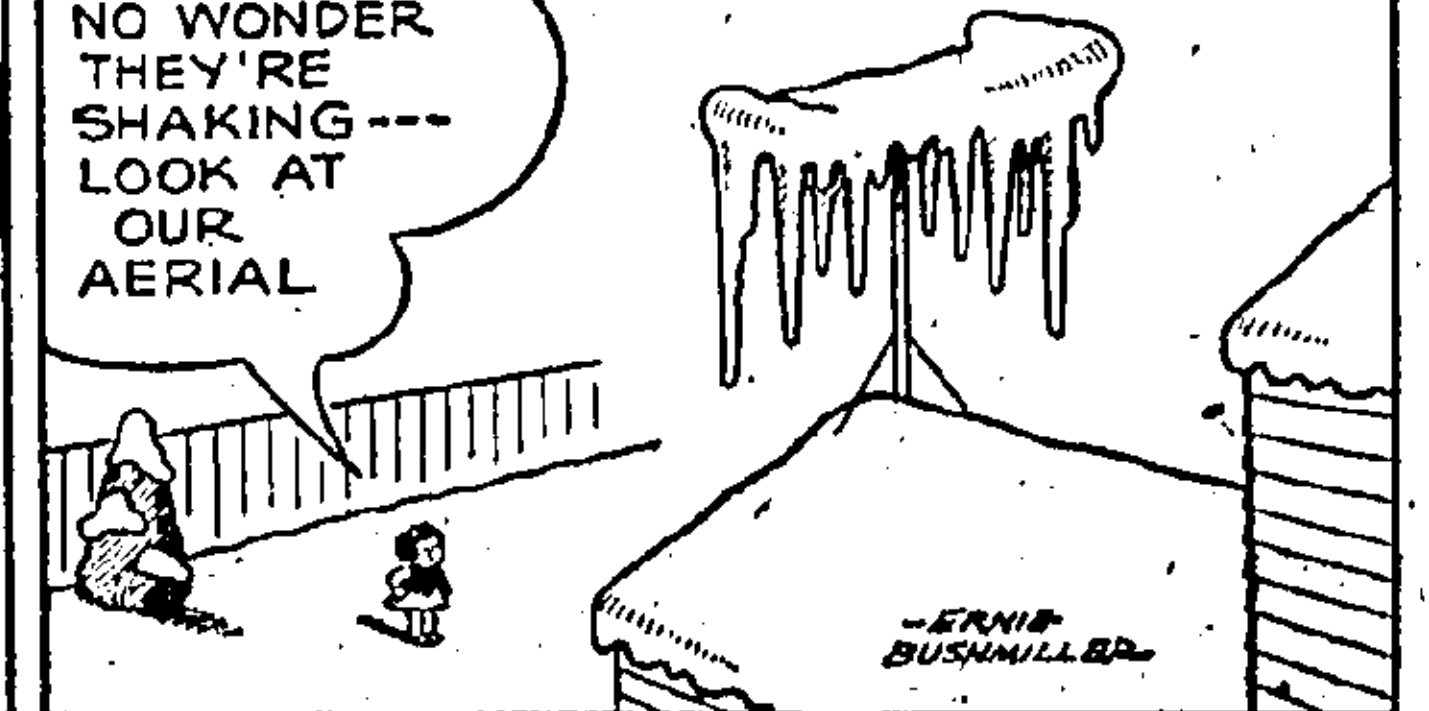
EVERYBODY IS SHAKING

SOMETHING IS WRONG WITH THE SET---THAT MAN IS SHAKING



NO WONDER THEY'RE SHAKING---LOOK AT OUR AERIAL

ERNEST BUSHMILLER



ROWNTREE'S



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By Paul Norris



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WALLED CITY MURDER TRIAL

Foki Identified Man At Parade

The foki of a heroin divan in Kowloon Walled City told the Criminal Sessions this morning how he heard an exclamation of "Wah" in the early hours of the morning.

Magistrate Questions Police Action

A Central Magistrate disapproved of police procedure in dealing with the case of a man arrested for riding a bicycle in a one-way traffic street this morning.

Pleading guilty to the charge, Kwon Kueng said that he was detained from noon to 6 p.m. even though his company offered bail money a few minutes after his arrest.

Mr T. L. Yang said that he could not understand the difference in time in the statements made by the police and defendant. The police said defendant was arrested at 12.40 p.m. while defendant said he was arrested at 12 p.m.

BAILED OUT

The police said he was bailed out at 4 p.m., while defendant said he was bailed out at 6 p.m. There was also a discrepancy in both the English and Chinese translations in the bail receipt. The English version indicated the time as 5.40 p.m. while the Chinese said 5 p.m.

Mr Yang said that the police should be more expedient in dealing with minor cases and that he strongly disapproved of the police taking down the defendant's statement four hours after the arrest was made.

Kwon Kueng, 24, of 405 Hennessy Road, ground floor, was fined \$10 for the offence.

The man, Li Hong-yum, was giving evidence in the Kowloon Walled City murder trial. Before the court are Lo Ka, 40, foki, Sze-to Hui-chui, 29, unemployed, and Wong Hon, 34, unemployed. They are alleged to have murdered Siu Kwai, keeper of a heroin divan at Lo Yan Street, ground floor, on July 24.

Witness told the court that as a result of the shout, he went next door to No. 9 Lo Yan Street, where he saw four or five people standing outside.

He looked inside the room of No. 9 and saw a man, bleeding at the shoulder, being pushed against the wall by another man, whom he described as being about 30 years old.

Another Man

Witness said there was another man, with a knife in his hand, standing outside.

Questioned by Crown Counsel, Mr D. E. Greenfield, Li said he had later identified the man outside at an identification parade. He recognised this man as the second accused.

Witness described how the man inside the room shouted "run" to the man outside, and how they both ran off up the street.

The three accused are represented by Mr A. Zimmern, Mr Benjamin Liu and Mr A. H. Sunlad, respectively. Mr Greenfield and Mr D. G. Willis, Crown Counsel, are prosecuting.

The hearing before Mr Justice A. D. Soles continues.

DIDN'T MOVE CAR

A private car owner who failed to remove his car from a parking place in Jaffe Road after it had broken down was ordered to pay \$25 to the Government as a towing fee by Mr K. A. S. Phillips at Central Magistrate's court this morning.

Lee Pan, 42 Gloucester Road, ground floor, pleaded guilty to a charge of failing to remove his car or to take reasonable steps to secure the removal of his car on October 7, and was fined \$10.

AUSTRALIAN COMMISSIONER'S FAMILY ARRIVE



Mrs G. R. B. Patterson, wife of the Australian Senior Trade Commissioner, and two children, George, 8, and Elizabeth, 14, arrived from Sydney by Qantas this morning. George will go to school here while Elizabeth will stay until February when she will return to Sydney to study.

Mr Patterson is to be presented with his OBE by the Governor, Sir Robert Black, at Government House on Thursday morning.

BIG V. PRES. ON WORLD TOUR

The Senior Vice-President of the General Dynamics Corporation, New York passed through Hongkong this morning by Swissair on the first leg of a whirlwind world business tour.

He is Mr Frederic de Hoffmann who is travelling to Bombay to attend the Indian Agricultural Fair, where his firm is displaying an atomic reactor.

From the fair Mr de Hoffmann will fly to London arriving on Sunday to attend a business conference.

Immediately after the London conference Mr de Hoffmann will return to New York to attend a second business conference on Monday.

Signing Of Contract Not Conclusive Counsel Submits

Mr John McNeill, QC, representing the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co. Ltd, submitted to the Supreme Court this morning that the signing of a contract was not final and conclusive, although it was an important element and was a part of the activities giving rise to profits.

The Inland Revenue Department have appealed against a decision by the Board of Review that ruled the dock company did not have to pay profit tax on \$402,813.30 derived from a

successful salvage operation off the Parcel Islands in 1956.

The Board of Review had allowed an earlier appeal by the company, on the grounds that the company's profits on the operation had not arisen in or had been derived from the Colony.

Mr McNeill said this morning the conclusion had been reached that the mere fact that profits arose from a corporate company on business in the Colony was not enough.

Impossible

He submitted it was impossible for the court to say there was no evidence in the case stated upon which the Board could come to the conclusion it did.

Mr M. Heenan, Acting Solicitor-General, appears for the Inland Revenue Department.

The hearing before Mr Justice G. R. Cross, Senior Puisne Judge, continues.

Governor To Open New Factory

The Governor, Sir Robert Black, will open the new Jardine Dyeing and Finishing Company's factory at Shatin this afternoon.

The factory, which will eventually employ about 220 people, has absorbed 21 ex-Naval Dockyard fitters who have elected to be retrained as textile operatives.

Ninety-five family units will be housed at nominal rentals, and 88 unmarried men will have free accommodation.

Medical attention will be free for all workers and their dependents, and four meals a day will be supplied free of charge. The initial output of the mill is about 2,800,000 yards a month. This will be increased to around 4,000,000 yards in the near future.

MONEY STOLEN

A man had his pocket picked and money amounting to \$13 stolen outside the National Theatre, Lockhart Road, at about 3.45 p.m. yesterday.

CLERKS ACCUSE EACH OTHER OF PLANNING EMBEZZLEMENT SCHEME

Two former clerks of a company, who had pleaded guilty to charges of embezzlement, this morning accused each other of being the instigator in the scheme.

The two accused were Frank Shirazee, 47, an Iranian, and Cheng Jo-ke, alias Cheng Wai, 47. Shirazee was in charge of the Pharmaceutical Department of the Henningsen and Co. Ltd, and Cheng was his assistant. Shirazee, who admitted four counts of embezzlement and seven of falsification of the company's accounts, claimed through Mr G. E. S. Stevenson that Cheng had loaned him money on many occasions as he was in financial difficulties. He said he discovered that some of the money collected for the company had not been accounted for and realised later that second defendant had used part of the money to make loans to him. He then tried to alter the accounts to cover up for Cheng. He said he had no idea of the sum involved.

Two Charges

Cheng, who pleaded guilty to two charges of embezzlement, claimed through Mr Terence Shurlock, that it was Shirazee who had lent him money when he discovered irregularities in the collections Shirazee told him to mind his own business.

He also claimed that the receipts issued for those collections were the old ones of which Shirazee only had knowledge.

Mr W. S. Collier, Crown Counsel, told Judge K. R. Macfee in the Victoria District Court that Shirazee had been employed in the firm for more than 20 years. He was originally employed by a similar company in Shanghai, and in 1952 he came to Hongkong as an assistant in the Pharmaceutical Department of the company. In 1956, he was promoted to be in charge of the department.

Later that year, Cheng was employed as Shirazee's assistant, Mr Collier said.

Their duties and responsibilities were to receive payments for the company and paying these monies into the company's accounts and recording these transactions of these collections later.

Deficits Found

In June this year, the company's auditors discovered certain deficits and when the two accused were questioned they admitted the offences. They were given time to repay the money, but failed to do so. Ten days later, they were handed to the police.

Mr Collier said towards the end of 1955, the company printed new receipts. It was found that the accused had issued the old receipts for the cash collected from customers. As regards cheques, these were entered into the company's

accounts with the bank, but Shirazee, who was in charge of the books, falsified the entries in the books, Mr Collier said.

Cheng had a previous conviction in 1953 for embezzlement and larceny by servant for which he was given 13 months. Mr Collier said in mitigation, Mr Stevenson called Mr A. Henningsen, managing director of the firm to testify on Shirazee's character. Mr Henningsen said he had known Shirazee for more than 20 years, and had always known him as trustworthy, honest, and responsible. At the time of the offence, Shirazee was earning \$1,000 a month, and Cheng \$550.

Not Insufficient

Advised by Mr Shurlock, Mr Henningsen said he did not think that a salary of \$550 was insufficient to maintain a white collar worker's family.

Mr Stevenson told the Court that during the war, Shirazee was not interned because he was an Iranian national and had managed to hold the company's property in Shanghai.

Mr Shurlock, in mitigation, said Cheng had a family of 10 to support.

Judge Macfee adjourned the case until 10 a.m. tomorrow for sentence.

4 Injured In Traffic Accidents

Four persons, including a 10-year-old boy, were injured in separate traffic accidents yesterday.

The lad, Yip Kam, of 4 Wa On Lane, first floor, was knocked down by a bus in Queen's Road East near Wanchai Road just before 7 p.m.

A 32-year-old man, Tee Ching-shun, of 398 Queen's Road West, ground floor, sustained injuries when the motor-cycle in which he was riding was involved in a collision with a bicycle in Causeway Road at about 11 a.m.

Another unidentified man was knocked down by a car in Kam Tin Main Road near Hung Kuit Village in the New Territories last night.

A 48-year-old woman, Chan Kwel-fong, living in the Li Cheng Uk Resettlement Estate, was struck by a bicycle in Yen Chow Street near Tonkin Street at about 10 p.m.

From the Files

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THE SCM Post referred to the annual report of the Society for the Protection of Children and said conditions in which the poor lived in Hongkong were a "pitiful state of affairs."

The Society's figures, said the leading article, show no fewer than 30 persons (22 adults and eight children) to a floor—"dreadful overcrowding."

It is noted again that "there are no sanitary arrangements in the building whatever"—though there is surprisingly little offensiveness.

The simple pen-picture of a bed-space, which to many families is home, is itself sufficient to awaken sympathy with the poor and anger at tolerance of such a state of affairs.

"The family or individual renting that bed-space has the use of that amount of space for all purposes. In the day, it becomes the table. Household chattels are pushed out of the way under the bed when not required or hung on the walls."

"At night, as many as can crowd on to the bed board sleep there, the children may be accommodated on shelves above the bed-space along with family property which can be so disposed of."

"It will be readily imagined that there is not much through draught under these circumstances, and the fact that at the rear of an old type house of this kind there is practically no open space, still further reduces the likelihood of a through current of air. During the cooking of meals a considerable amount of smoke finds its way into the room, which adds to dinginess."

Comments the SCM Post: Such an environment cannot but produce diseased bodies and diseased minds. It is again recorded that a fundamental reason for Hongkong's poverty is poverty—a basic wage of \$2.43 a month.

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It is notified that Mr Philip Jacks resumed duty as Land Officer. His Excellency the Governor has appointed Mr T. S. Whyte-Smith to act as an Assistant Land Officer and a deputy Registrar of Marriages.

His Excellency the Governor has appointed Lieutenant M. J. Muspratt-Williams, 1st Battalion, Lincolnshire Regiment, to be one of his Honorary ADCs.

The Government has appointed Mr Henrique Alberto de Barros Botelho as second lieutenant in the Corps of Infantry of the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps.

His Excellency the Governor has nominated the following as members of the Court of the University of Hongkong for a further period of three years—Mr H. B. L. Doubiggin and Mr M. P. Talati.

2 YEARS AND \$10,000 FINE

Lui Hung, 39, unemployed, who hid 18 grammes of heroin in a vest hung on a bamboo, was sentenced to two years' imprisonment and a fine of \$10,000, or an additional six months by Mr T. L. Yang at Central Court this morning.

Defendant pleaded guilty to a charge of possession.

Inspector T. Y. Yip told the Court that on December 3, a party of police officers raided No. 5, Wing Fung Street, first floor.

The defendant was alone.

Eighteen grammes of heroin were found in a vest hung on a bamboo in the passage way.

He had two a prior previous convictions.

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PICTORIAL PARADE



ABOVE: Mr. Mok Hing-wing, Superintendent in the Auxiliary Police, receives the Colonial Police Medal from the Governor, Sir Robert Black, during the annual Police parade on Sunday.



ABOVE: Mr. A. MacDonald (left) and Mr. C. G. Smith at the St Andrew's Night Ball held at the Peninsula Hotel recently.



ABOVE: Mr. P. H. Lam presenting a souvenir to Mr. I. B. Trevor (right), during a farewell party for Mr. Trevor recently.



ABOVE: Brigadier General H. R. Whitaker, U.S. Army Assistant Chief of Staff for Logistics, Pacific Area (left), seen on arrival from Bangkok recently, and Capt. C. K. Nicodemus, U.S. Naval attaché, at the airport to meet him.